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UNITED MINE WORKERS.

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More Paid Up Members on Roll Than Reported to National Officers.

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(Associated Press.)

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Dec. 24.—After a long investigation national officers of the United Mine Workers are reported to have discovered that there are on the rolls 10,000 or 12,000 more paid up members than have been reported to them. This discovery explained the apparent loss of many members, which has disturbed the national officers. It is said to have been found that secretaries of some of the small divisions have failed to report all their members.

CHRISTMAS PARCEIS.

Express Companies and Carriers in New York Overwhelmed With Packages.

piled up in the transfer office, and although extra men and wagons are at work the accumulation seems to grow larger instead of smaller. That many parcels containing gifts will not be delivered before the middle of next week is admitted by the express officials.

Merchants of many years' experience said that the Christmas buying this year was begun earlier than usual, and that everybody seemed to have money. Large jewelry houses report the best holiday trade in years, and the fur trade which last year was near disaster, is now said

DEPUTY MINISTER

J. A. SMART LEAVES INTERIOR DEPARTMENT

W. W. Cory, Assistant Commissioner of Dominion, Selected to Fill

Ottawa, Dec. 23 .- James A. Smart deputy minister of the interior, has resigned. His resignation will take effect on January 1st, when he will be suc ceeded as deputy minister by W. W.

been in the very best of health for some time and he feels the work of the depart time and he feels the work of the department, which is the largest in the public service, too confining and telling somewhat on his constitution. There is no doubt Mr. Smart has been trying to do too much work. The department is altogether too large for one minister and one deputy, and should have been long ago cut in two. The whole region west of Lake Superior is under the control of one minister and until recently one deputy. It is still under one minister, but some time ago a deputy minister was placed over the Indian department. The immigration work of the department, which is growing and giving excellent results, is particularly heavy.

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W. W. Cory, who succeeds Mr. Smart, has earned the position by hard and industrious work. He was for many years chief clerk in the Attorney-General's office in Manitoba. When he came to Ottawa he was appointed inspector of public offices in the West. Later on he was made assistant commissioner of Dopublic offices in the West. Later on he was made assistant commissioner of Dominion lands, a position which he now holds. Mr. Cory knows the west like a book. He is thoroughly conversant with the needs of the country, and besides is a man of sound judgment and good tact. The fact that he was not an applicant for the position shows that this is another instance where the office sought the man, not the man the office. Election Returns.

When all the Dominion election re-urns are in the total vote will be one turns are in the total vote will be one million. The government will have a majority over the Conservatives of about 60,000, and over all parties of nearly 50,000. The returns from Mackenzie, in the Northwest and the Yukon have yet to be received. Then there are no figures for Gaspe and L'Assomption in Quebec, Dauphin in Manitoba, and Comox-Atlin, B. C., where the Liberals were elected by acclamatism. Allowing the ordinary vote in these constituencies and the total vote will be over one million, and the government's majority over the Conservatives of over 60,000.

THE CLOSING OF

LONDON PRESS COMMENTS ON ADMIRALTY'S ACTION

Taking Great Risks in Abandoning the Yards at Halifax and at Esquimalt.

(Special to the Times.)

London, Dec. 24.-The Broad Arrow Halifax and Esquimalt, unless, indeed, we have a good understanding with Can-ada as to their upkeep, is to take risks

The Spectator says: "Though we fully realize that naval defence can never in the last resort be local, and that if the nemy are in the Mediterranean or the Indian ocean, it is there and not in the of Canada will have to be protected, we desire to see the sense of fighting, sennanship and of naval enthusiasm grow the formation of local naval forces, for which the colonies will pay and be responsible, is essential. With interest and responsibility thus created will come a knowledge of the command of the sea not merely of the coasts, but of the blue water and unridden paths of the ocean and then colonial subsidies to the navies will be freely placed under the admiralty to do their share in securing the command of the sea wherever they may be

LACROSSE IN EAST.

Inter-University and Collegiate Associa tions May Combine,

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THE PHOENIX MURDER.

Case of Bell Will Come Before the Cabinet To-Day.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—The case of Joshua Bell, under sentence of execution at Greenwood on January 13th, will probably be passed on at a cabinet council to-day. He was convicted of murder at Phoenix, and in view of the judge's report and the man's record in the United States, there is not much doubt that Bell will pay the death psualty for his crime.

GREETINGS TO THE PEOPLE. Premier McBride Sends Messages to the Toronto Globe.

In response to the invitation of the To-ronto Globe, sent to the various provin-cial premiers, Hon. R. McBride last evening wired the following to the great Canadian daily:

"My thanks to the Globe for the oppor-tunity kindly accorded me as Premier of British Columbia to extend on behalf of its people Christmas greetings to the press of Canada and to kinsmen beyond the moun-Canada and to kinsulen beyond the moun-tains. We rejoice in the peace, harmony and prosperity which abound among them from ocean to ocean, and especially in those Eastern provinces from which so many of our citizens have come.

"Though far separated, distance or physical obstacles are no longer barriers to fraternal, and commercial, intercourse.

physical obstacles are no longer barriers to fraternal and commercial intercourse, united as we are by bands of steel, soon to be doubled, and, let us hope, trebled, to meet the legitimate requirements created by vigorous national expansion.

"Habited on the ever verdant coast of the Pacific, the hearts of British Colum-lans are at this feetly reason with kin-lans are at this feetly reason with kin-

the Pacific, the hearts of British Columbians are at this festive beason with kindred and friends whose homes extend to the other shore of our great Dominion, and are laden with messages of good-will.

"The outlook for the province has never been brighter than on the eve of this Christmas. Imbued with a firm faith that their claims on the Dominion, the justice of which can only properly be appreciated. their claims on the Dominion, the justice of which can only properly be appreciated by those familiar with our peculiar physical conditions—the sole impediment to complete provincial development—will be duly recognized, our people have an ardent hope that their many natural sources of wealth and boundless opportunities are destined to an early and full fruition. Canadians all, Britons all, they have a strong and abiding faith that the ascendant star of united Canada, whose splendid future is now assured, will move brighter and ever brighter in the galaxy of Empire.

"RICHARD M'BRIDE,

surrendered in the vicinity of Etz mountain on December 22nd during the battle of 203-Metre Hill, Gen. Kondrantenko, commander of the Seventh East Siberian division, and Gen. Irman, commander of the Fourth artillery brigade, were killed, and Gen. Fock, commanding the Fourth East Siberian division, was wounded."

AN AWFUL DISCOVERY.

Iron Found in a Life Preserver Taken to Tradesman for Repair.

morning by a local tradesman when engaged in repairing a life preserver, one that had been in service on a local steamer. The exterior of the preserver had been pretty well worn out, and the tradesman on opening it found the contents to constitute of a recognition of the contents of th er. The exterior of the preserver had been pretty well worn out, and the tradesman on opening it found the contents to consist of a remarkable composition of some kind of wood pressed together. But more dastardly than this was the finding of a piece of iron several inches long, put in presumably for the purpose of increasing the weight to the standard required by law. Not a piece of cork, it is said, was found in the whole preserver. The contents were shown to a number of shipping menths morning and created the greatest indignation. At the hour of going to press it could not be learned to what vessel the busy belonged, but the discovery is one that should undoubtedly be investigated by the authorities. Possibly the matter will be drawn to the attention of the Board of Trade, and unless shipping men are apathetic the incident this morning will lead to a rigid inspection of the equipment of all vessels. The buoy, it is true, was an old one, but the fact that it belonged to a local steamer is sufficient to arouse the greatest interest in the sound-ness of all those now in service.

—Inputies are being made as to the

VICTORIA IS SOURCE OF GENERAL SUPPLY

Beantiful Decoration Plant Has Been Shipped to All Parts of

Victoria, thanks to the adverdisement it has received in late years, is now known throughout the continent as the the "garden city," and several other ap pellations, but there is no reason why in addition to these it should not bear the distinction of being the "holly city" of America. It has furnished many hundreds of pounds of this beautiful decorative plant to all quarters of Canada and the United States, and it is believed that this year the demand has been greater than ever before. The local nurserymen began their shipments about three weeks ago, but the bulk was sent away som ten days back. Much of it went to California, the Victoria florists selling direct to the dealers and getting a dollar a pound for it. A considerable quantity went to other parts of the United States, ven to the Atlantic coast, while Seattle dealers secured an unusually large supply. A Seattle nurseryman came over a short time ago with the object of getting a corner on the Seattle supply, but he

DEFENCE WORKS

TAKEN BY JAPS

CARRIED AFTER BEING
HEAVILY BOMBARDED

The Russians Made Determined CounterAttack on the Positions, But
Were Repulsed

(Associated Press.)

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CHRISTMAS IN VICTORIA

Will Be Observed by Special Services Holiday on Monday.

Special Christmas services, particulars this paper, will be conducted in the varibe appropriate music and discourses, and many of the edifices have been beautiful orated. Christmas Day will be ushered in by services in some of the Roman Catholic Cathedral the usua otifical high mass will be con at midnight, Archbishop Orth officiating. A choir of about twenty voices under the direction of Miss Marrack will render Yon Weber's celebrated mass. The features of the choral portion are as follows: Kyrie, Gloria, Crede, Sanctus Benedictus and Agnus Dei. Then will follow the offertory "Noel," with baritone solo by C. F. Oliver. The beautiful Adeste Fideles will also be sung, including solo, duet, trio and quartette.

At St. Barnabas the choral communion service and carol singing will begin at 11.30 to-night. The programme: Process. hymn, "While Shepherds Watched"; Introit carol, "Bethlehem," Robèrts; communion service, Smper in E; Post Com. hymn, "Adeste Fideles"; offeratory carol, "Angels From the Realms of Glory," Maunder; Recess. hymn, "Hark the Herald Angels"; post-ude, "Gloria in Excelses," Twelfth Mass, Mozart. at midnight, Archbishop Orth officiating

Mass, Mozart.

Christmas will be officially observed throughout the land on Monday, which will, therefore, be a public holiday. It is on that day that the noble turkey will enjoy its final undisturbed repose, the children will romp around the Christmas tree, and those who are no longer children will be in that pleasant, congenial frame of mind that bleases them but once a year. Ohristmae dinners will be the order in the majority of the public institutions. At the Protestant Orphan-

age the little ones will gather around the well-laden festive board and demonstrate by their exertion the good health which they enjoy. Their Christmas tree will be held on the 29th. If there happen to be any inmates in the city lockup they will be well looked after. This is not the signal for a wholsale pligrimage to the Coromorant street hotel, because, be it understood, the necommodation of the coromorant street note, because, be it understood, the accommodation of the patrol waggon has its limitations. The twenty-eight prisoners at the provincial jail will dine royally on roast beef and plum pudding.

At the Jubilee hospital this evening the Daughters of Pity will have a Christmas tree in each ward. To-morrow

the Daughters of Pity will have a Christmas tree in each ward. To-morrow afternoon a special Christmas service will be conducted by Rev. A. Ewing, while the regular Christmas dinner will be enjoyed on Monday, On Monday morning there will be a football match between the Victoria-United and Victoria West teams at Oak Bay. This will be one of the regular senior league games.

STEVE JONES RETURNS.

Proposes to Erect Building at Vanc Early Next Year,

Last evening Steve Jones, proprietor of the Dominion hotel, returned from Vancouver, where he concluded the purchase of a lot on the corner of Homer and Hastings streets, as mentioned in the Times yesterday. The sum involved was \$45,000.

Asked what his intentions were, Mr. Jones announced that a splendid building would be erected on the sate mentioned at an early date.

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When pressed for details he explained that his pans were not yet fully matured. He considered that the property was one of the finest in the Terminal City. The dimensions of the proposed building would be about 52x120 feet. Outside of this he was not prepared to make any definite announcement as to the character of the structure. He expected work would be commenced early next year.

EIGHTEEN VESSELS TO BE SENT ON CRUISES

There Will be Four Independent Schoo ers-Profit Made, But No Dividend Declared.

toria Sealers' Association was held yes-terday afternoon in the board of trade building when officers were elected for the ensuing year, and the old board of directors were reappointed. The position of presidency is held in rotation by the various heads of the company. Last year Ricaard Hall, M. P. P., was president. At yesterday's meeting the honor was conferred on R. Seabrook. D. Boscowitz was closed. was confered on R. Seabrook. D. Boscowitz was elected vice-president; Capt. J. G. Cox, treasurer; F. Elworthy, auditor; A Langley, secretary, and Capt. William Grant, manager. The new board of directors are Capt. J. G. Cox, Capt. William Grant, D. Boscowitz, R. Hall, R. Seabrook, A. J. Bechtel and William Munsie.

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Probably the most important matter reached at yesterday's meeting in so far as the public is concerned was the decision arrived at to send out a fleet of 18 vessels this coming season. This fleet in size is exactly the same as that operated during the past year. The only difference will be the replacing of the Triumph, which was lost during the season with the E. B. Marvin, which is on her way around the Horn, she having during the last few years been worked on the Falkland Island coast with head-quarters at Halifax. These schooners will cruise on practically the same grounds as they were engaged on this year. A number of sealers will be sent down the coast according to custom to follow the seal herds in their migration northward. After replenishing supplies at some station on the West Coast of Vancouver Island they will cross to the Copper Island coast. These waters with the Behring Sea are the only sealing grounds to be exploited during the coming year, the Falkland Islands having been abandoned as previously reported. Several of the schooners which were ing year, the Falkland Islands having been abandoned as previously reported. Several of the schooners which were there employed during the last season will be brought around the Horn with the E. B. Marvin, the Florence M. Munsie, which will be operated as a private schooned, and the Enterprise also as an independent craft being among them. In addition to these vessels there will be worked outside the Victoria Sealing Company's business, the Rainbow belonging to Capt. Victor Jacobson, and the Umbrina, belonging to Capt. Peppett.

The fleet to sail on spring cruises will

The fleet to sail on spring cruises will be made ready for sea as soon as the holiday season is over, and it is expected that the beginning of the new year will see the departure of several for the coast. see the departure of several for the coast. No dividend was declared at yester-day's meeting, although a profit on the business conducted during the year had been realized. This is because it was decided to carry what surplus there is over to the insurance account, which had sustained a loss in the disappearance of the Triumph. It will be borne in mind in this connection that the company carries its own insurance, and a disaster to any of the fleet falls heavily on the operating expenses.

expenses.

Last year the company made a profit of \$16,000, and declared a dividend of 50 cents a share. Better prices were obtained for the seal fur this year, and had it not been for the loss of the Triumph the company might have done even better. It was shown that the skins this year brought 77 to 88 shillings for coast pelts and 77s. 6d. for Behring Sea skins.

No proposal was discussed to send any

SAYS MR. FARRELL, OF THE GREAT NORTHERN

Minnesota and Dakota Will Call Whenever There is Business Here

J. D. Farrell, assistant to the president of the Great Northern Railway Company, who was in the city yesterday to meet the steamship Minnesota, was in-

to meet the steamship Minnesota, was interviewed by a Times representative relative to the withdrawal of the company's passenger service on the Gulf between Sidney and Port Guichon.

Mr. Farrell denied that the company intended abandoning its inferests in Victoria. It was true, he said, that the passenger service had been withdrawn, but this would work no injury in this direction. The C. P. R. Company was providing a good connection with Vancouver, and this is all, he added, that is required at present. The Great Northcouver, and this is all, he added, that is required at present. The Great Northern freight cars, however, will continue to be brought into the city. The company, he stated, had submitted a proposition to the city, which was not accepted. Now the city had made a counter

position to the city, which was not accepted. Now the city had made a counter proposal to the company, which they refused to entertain. This looked to the taking over of the market building and the right-of-way through the city.

Asked what the company's future intentions towards Victoria were, and whether the passenger service between the Island and Mainland would be restablished with the completion of the V., V. & E. railway, Mr. Farrell said that at present work had ceased on that line, but that just as soon as the road reached the coast a good passenger service with Victoria will be provided. Then, said Mr. Farrell, there will be something in it; at present there is nothing.

Mr. Farrell reports that the Minnesota, and the Dakota when she has been completed, will call regularly at the outer wharf on their inward and outward voyages whenever there is business sufficient to warrant them.

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ward voyages whenever there is business sufficient to warrant them stopping here. If the ships are too deeply loaded to come alongside the wharf they will anchor in the offing and a tender will be procured. He had been told, however, that there was plenty of water for the steamers at the wharves when the vessels were not loaded.

In this connection it might be stated that the Minnesota was yesterday drawing 26 feet of water aft, and she had 8,000 tons of cargo in her hold. When loaded to her full capacity she will draw, as previously announced, 38 feet of water. One of the strongest reasons why she did not call at the wharf yestenday was because the wind was so high that it was feared difficulty would be experienced in berthing. With so large a vessel it has been found by pilots and other navigators that once headway is taken off them, they driff. Yesterday the wind was blowing at times forty or fifty miles an hour, and as the vessel had only to take on her Chinese crew here Capt. Truebridge considered it advisable to remain at anchor in the Roads.

TO GO INTO SUBJECT OF THE ASSESSMENT

Two Cabinet Ministers, D. R. Ker and J. E. Buntzen, Selected-Enter Upon Duties At Once.

The commission promised by the provincial government to inquire into the whole subject of assessment in the province has been appointed.

At the last session of the legislature the Premier promised that the subject would be gone into exhaustively, and an appropriation of \$5,000 was made for this purpose. This was put forward as a circumstance calculated to mitigate the evils of the wonderful assessment act which was forced through the House. It was represented that the measure would be subjected to criticism by the experts on the subject who would be appointed on the commission. Pressed for the personnel of the commission, the finance minister said that it was proposed to get the expert who had reported upon the subject in Ontario.

There has been little or nothing heard of the matter since that time. Apparently the subject has been thought of by some member of the government in connection with the preparations for the opening of the coming session. The commission has accordingly been appointed, and will get through with its work in time to report to the legislature.

The government has not yet made public the personnel of the commission, but it is understood that it will consist of the following: Hon. R. G. Tatlow, Hon. F. Carter-Cotton, D. R. Ker, of this city, and J. E. Buntzen, manager of the B. C. Electric Railway Company. It will sit immediately after the holiday season, and the report will be forthcoming when the House meets.

VICTORY FOR ARBITRATION.

Dispute in New York as to Wages Has Been Settled, (Associated Press.)

XMAS GIFTS THE JUDGE WHO

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PUBLIC NOTICE.

CHRISTMAS CAR SERVICE

SUNDAY, 25th DECEMBER, 1904

- FORT STREET, OAK BAY AND WILLOWS — Twenty-minute service. Cars leave terminus on the even hour and every 20 minutes thereafter.

DOUGLAS STREET AND OUTER WHARF - Twenty-minute service. Cars leave terminus 15 minutes past the hour and every 20 minutes thereafter.

SPRING RIDGE AND BEACON HILL-Twenty-minute service. Cars leave ter-

inus 5 minutes past the hour and every 20 minutes thereafter.

ESQUIMALT—Thirty-minute service. Cars leave city on the hour, and Esquimait

MONDAY, 26th DECEMBER, 1904

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WHOLE FLEET MAY

TO MEET SHIPS UNDER ADMIRAL BOJESTVENSKY

Kamimura is Watching for the Approach Of the Russian Second Pacific Squadron.

London, Dec. 24.—Telegraphing from Tokio, the correspondent of the Daily Express says he learns that, in the event of Admiral Kamimura, who is reported

of Admiral Kamimura, who is reported to have gone south with a squadron of powerful cruisers, notifying it of the approach of the Russian second Pacific squadron, the whole Japanese fleet which has been operating at Port Arthur will be ready to proceed south on a day's notice to give battle.

The Times correspondent at Pekin reports that the Chinese have seized at the Fengtai station near Pekin three million rounds of Russian ammunition consigned to a Russian firm at Tientsin and evidently designed for Port Arthur. The ammunition was concealed in bales of wool from Kalwan on camels.

THROUGH JAPAN

Moscow, Dec. 23.—V. T. Crazuesky, correspondent of the Russkay Slava, has just arrived at San Francisco after a long and hazardous trip through Japan, where he travelled as an American journalist under the name of Percy Palmer. He undertook the journey to ascertain the real situation of affairs in the enemy's country. He had a complete American outil and arranged to have letters forwarded from various cities in the United States. He has telegraphed to the Russkay Slava from San Francisco that he visited Yokohama, Tokio, Sasebo and several other cities, photographed the Russian prison camp, examined the hospitals, fortress and workshops.

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He is bringing home a mass of material which will make many interesting stories. He says his most dangerous moment was when he inspected 3,000 Russian prisoners. If he had been recognized by one of them he would

IMPRESSIVE SCENE AT BURIAL OF COSSACKS

Mukden, Nov. 25.—(Special correspondence of the Associated Press.)—Wild and rough as are the Cossacks, they are very sentimental and susceptible to emotion. A most striking sight was that of the whole of Mistchenko's division paying respect to the remains of the four Cossacks killed below Sinde. Sistako and his staff were there, and the Fourth Regiment, to which the men belonged, was accorded the place of honor. There were no coffus, the bodies being wrapped in straw, but smothered with wild flowers that ghastly bloodstains soaking through the covering were hidden till the corpses were interred. The churchly accessories were scanty. On an old table, bought from a deserted Cainese, was placed a regimental ikon, and before it a single was candle.

The priest of the Barnaulski regiment officiated, and when he took his place before the table, the order, "Hats off," was passed down the line, and Histohenko, setting the example, morrered and bowed his head, while the

en knelt, bareheaded, each with his men knelt, bareheaded, each with his carbine between his knees. The temple was in a valley with green hills rising on the side. The service, simple but affecting, was soon over. The priest blessed the bodies and they were raised on the shoulders and borne up the hill past the regiments and the band played a dead march. Mistchenko, and his staff followed on foot like the rest, and, after the Cossacks placed the bodies in the open graves, the priest threw in a handthe Cossacks placed the bodies in the open graves, the priest threw in a handful of earth and read the offices. Then the general shook hands with the priest, thanking him for his attendance on the dead soldiers. Mistchenko then briefly addressed the men, warning them, under no circumstances, to commit any reprisal on the dead or wounded Japanese who may fall into their hands, and, so far as I have ever heard, this mandate has been observed. But before the day was out we had another skirmish with the Japanese, and I heard that every man cut a cross on his cartridge before firing.

SMUGGLING SCHEME.

How It Is Proposed to Secure Admission of Chinamen Into States.

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JAPANESE TRENCHES

OCCUPIED BY RUSSIANS.

Mukden, Dec. 23.—Volunteers the might of December 21st occupied Japanese trenches opposite their positions. Three trenches were evacuated by the Japanese with scarcely a fight. The victors were surprised to find a box lying in plain view, which they opened carefully, fearing that it might contain explosives, but they found in it wine, biscuits and sweets.

RUSSIAN'S JOURNEY

THREE FIRES.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Information has reached the immigration authorities of a scheme by which it is proposed to bring into this country (Chinese, who in the regular order of events might be required to find the regular order of events might be required to find the regular order of events might be required to hand a country. He went there when the journey had to made in an ox cart or a scheme by which it is proposed to bring into this country of the regular order of events might be required to a Russian aumunition consigned to a Russian aumunition was concealed in bales of wool from Kalwan on camels.

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Church Destroyed at Winnipeg-Fire man Lost His Life at Sioux

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 23.-The beau-tiful new Icelandic, Lutheran, church on Nona street, erected last summer and occupied only a month, was destroyed by fire this afternoon. It cost \$40,000, and was the finest edifice of the denomination in the world. The fire originated near the furnace.

Bakery Burned.

Boissevaiu, Man., Dec. 23.—Munro's bakery was burned to the ground tonight. A family named Hudson residing there barely escaped with their lives. No insurance.

Fireman Killed.

Stoux City, Ia., Dec. 23.-A fire which resulted in the death of one fireman and resulted in the death of one fireman and the destruction of nearly two entire blocks, entailing a loss roughly estimated at \$1,000,000, started in the basement of the Pelletier department store at Fourth and Jackson streets shortly after S o'clock to-night. The district burned over lies in the centre of the business portion and among the buildings were several of the most substantial structures.

The belated Leyland steamer Caledonia, Capt. Slater, arrived at Boston on Friday after a rough passage of sixteen days from Manchester. During the trip not more than six hours of good weather prevailed.

It is reported that Grand Duke Vladimir will be appointed president of the Russian Council of the Empire, being succeeded as commander-in-chief of the Imperial Guard by Grand Duke Nicholas

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was in this city in the person of Hon.
Hugh Richardson, late senior judge of
the Supreme court of the Northwest
Territories, a position from which he
retired a year ago, after a service of
some 27 years. He was accompanied by
his daughter, Miss Richardson, and both
were registered at the Balmoral. They
are spending a brief sojourn in the coast
cities previous to a tour of Southern
California.

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Hon. Mr. Richardson will be remembered as the judge before whom Louis Riel was tried in 1885. He recalls quite vividly the features of that celebrated trial in which were engaged the leading counsel of Canada. For the prosecution there appeared Christopher Robinson, B. B. Osler, Mr. Casgrain, of Quebec, and the present Mr. Justice Scott, while defending the prisoner were Mr. (now Judge) Lemieux, Chas. Fitzpatrick (now Minister of Justice) J. N. Greenshields, a name rather familiar to Victorians, and Mr. Johnstone, at present crown prosecutor of Regina. The actual time of the trial was eight days.

While Riel was in jail at Regina waiting execution, an appeal was taken in his behalf to the Court of Queen's Bench in Winnipeg. Judge Richardson granted him a reprieve of 29 days, and received from the prisoner a gracious letter in which were expressed his thanks and the hope that the judge would live as many years as he had granted the prisoner days of life. The case was finally taken to the Privy Council in England, but it availed nothing, and Louis Riel suffered the death penalty by hanging at Regina, in the November following. It is customary to bury the remains of executed criminals in the jail yard, where they pay the penalty, but in this instance they were turned over to his friends, who buried them beneath the Catholic church at Regina, whence they were removed later to Winnipeg. While they lay under the floor of the church a guard was stationed about the edifice to prevent them from being stolen.

The trial caused intense excitement throughout Canada, extending even to the United States, and Judge Richardson received letters from Massachusetts and alontana, threatening him with death if Riel were executed. Petitions were received from different parts of Canada and the British possessions as well as the United States for a commi

were received from different parts of Canada and the British possessions as Canada and the British possessions as well as the United States, for a commutation of his senteuce, and also for a commission to examine into his mental condition. At the trial Riel's counsel set up the plea of insanity, against which Riel protested in vigorous terms. When asked why sentence should not be pronounced against him, Riel spoke for three hours. His address did not give any evidence of insanity, and he devoted a considerable portion of it to thanking, the opposing counsel, the court and the jury for allowing him to go to his death a martyr to a righteous cause, rather than as a madman.

than as a madman.

The name of Judge Richardson is associated with the opening up of the Northwest, and with the first introduction of law and administration of justice

Cana'a at London, Ont. He was educated in the London District Grammar school, studied law under the late John Wilson. Q. C., afterwards judge, and was called to the bar in 1847. He practiced law in Woodstock until 1872, and was county crown attorney of Oxford from 1856 to 1862. He entered the civil service as chief clerk for the Canadian department of justice in 1872, and continued in the position until 1876, when he was sent to the Northwest as stipendiary magistrate and as legal adviser to the newly appointed Lieut.-Governor Laird. He was stationed at Battleford for six years, but on the removal of the seat of government he was transferred as the senior officer, entrusted with the ministration of justice in the Territories. His appointment as judge of the Supreme court of the Northwest dated from February 18th, 1887. His Lordship was appointed in 1886, a member of the first executive council of the Perritories, and continued to sit on that body up to the time of creation of the legislative assembly in 1888, when he was appointed a legal expert, and remained in that position up to the time the office was abolished, in 1891. It was as a stipendiary magistrate that he presided at the trial of Louis Riel and other state prisoners in connection with the rebellion of 1885. He served as administrator to the government in 1897 and 1898. Holding court in the old days was strenuous work. For instance, Judge Richardson twice a year travelled overland over 300 miles from Battleford to Fort Qu'Appelle to do so, and many a night he slept with nothing above him but the trees.

In his younger days Judge Richardson gave much of his time to the volunteer military service. In 1862 he was instrumental in organizing the 22nd Oxford Rifles, to the command of which he succeeded in 1866. He served as senior major under Sir Garnet (now Lord) Wolseley in 1864-65, and was in active service in Manitoba. He was also lieutenant-colonel commanding at Sarnia during the Fenian Raid of 1866. The original constitution of the Supreme court of t

Closing Exercises on Thursday-List of Prize Winners.

The closing exercises of Queen's Academy took place on Thursday in the presence of a large number of parents and friends of the pupils. The first part of the programme con-

The following is the roll of honor based on competitive examinations:
Reading—Fifth reader, Eileen Flint;
fourth reader, Madge Wolfenden; third reader, Etheldred McElhinny; first reader, Jocelyn Bridgman and Ruth Jones.
Writing—Kathleen Dunsmuir and Noel Moresby.
Dictation and spelling—Mary Corson and Gwenydd Bridgman.
Drawing—Muriel Dunsmuir, Madge

Drawing-Muriel Dunsmuir, Madge Wolfenden and Gwenydd Bridgman

equal).
Arithmetic-Nora Lugrin and Gene

vieve Bone. Geography—First class, Nora Lugrin; second class, Madge Wolfenden; third class, Etheldred McElhinny. Grammar—Noel Moresby and Nora

Lugrin,
British history—Gwenydd Bridgman

British history—Gwenydd Bridgman and Nora Lugrin, Canadian history—Eileen Flint, Noel Moresby (equal), Nora Lugrin, English literature—Eileen Flint and Gwenydd Bridgman. Latin—Noel Moresby and Edythe Mc-Elhiany. The following pupils having attained first rank for the subjects named are

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Victoria, Dec. 24.—5 a. m.—The storm area has moved down the Coast and is now central off lower Oregon, and its movement has caused a vast area of low pressure exhas caused a vast area or fow pressure ex-tending from the Pacific to the valley of the Mississippl; the weather is chiefly fair and cold; rain has fallen on the American coast, and snow and sleet inland from Carlboo southward. In the Northwest fair weather prevails and a cold wave covers the entire region.

Forecasts.

For 36 hours ending 5 p.m. Sunday.
Victoria and vicinity—Light to moderate
winds, generally fair and cold.
Lower Mainland—Light winds, generally fair and cold.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 29.66; temperature, 34; m'nimum, 34; wind, 8 miles N.; rain, .04; weather, fair. New Westminster-Barometer, 29.66; tem

perature, 34; minimum, 34; wind, 6 miles N. E.; rain, 06; weather, cloudy. Kamloops-Barometer, 20,74; temperature, 16; minimum, 16; wind, calm; weather,

Rehearsals Will Be Begin Early in January.

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Mrs E J Cameron, J S Cameron, R Stewart,
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W Van Horne, E Williams, R B Reeve, C
Compton, G M Spaulding, Jas A Sweeny,
V E Gillesple, H R Beiton.
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Gordon, W Iredale, J Meintyre, R Denniston, A R Tufts.

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Jas. Marshall, of Phoenix; J. A. Robertson, W. M. Robertson and C. J. Reger, of
Vancouver; Geo. R. Kiddie, of Ladysmith;
A. J. Balley and D. A. H. Alexander, of
Cowlchan, are at the Driard.

S. Moore, B. A., of Salt Spring Island;
Wm. F. Cockran, of Nelson; and Thos. A.
L. Smith, of Hornby Island, are at the
Balmoral.

Albert Reynolds, of San Francisco; C. E.
Blackburn, of Denver; and C. D. Emmons,

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HOLIDAY AMUSEMENTS.

New Burlesque and New Vaudeville at the Savoy Next Week.

"Happy Jack, the Bootblack," the sensational melodrama, produced at the Savoy theatre by the Hewlette company this, week with great success, will be withdrawn after to-night's performance to make way for Bob Hewlette's latest political burlesque, "A Filipino Princess," which precedes the long and varied vaudeville bill at this house, commencing Monday next. The burlesque is arranged in two acts, and is interspersed with many new and catchy musical numbers, a lot of pretty girls, dazzling costumes and special scenery, forming really a show in itself.

But not content with this, the management have booked a number of new vaudeville leatures, among them being the

ment have booked a number of new vaudewille reatures, among them being the head liners Owens and La Marr, Sam and Edith. comedy entertainers, singers and champion buck and wing dancers; Genevieve De Forrest, singer and dancer; Anita De Schoutz, transformationist; Mile. Laurendeau, baritone; Mae Mulqueen, illustrated songs; Marie Sparrow, coster singer; Minnie Adams, soprano; Dorothy Heather, soubrette; Jim Rowe, comedian; Clark Sisters, Maude and Hazel, singers and dancers; Myrtle Bartelle, balladist; Viola Le Page, Spanish dancer, and the combined forces of the Hewlette and regular Savoy stock companies. No greater attraction could be offered for the holklays than the one quoted above, continuous from 8.30 to 11.30 each evening, at usual Savoy admission, 15c. and 25c.

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Sermons Appropriate to the Day Will Be Delivered by the City

To-morrow, Christmas Day, special music, appropriate to the season, will be rendered in the city churches. Sermons in keeping with the day will be delivered. The hours of services and the musical programmes are published below:

CHURCH OF OUR LORD. Services at 11 and 7, with sermons by Right Rev. Bishop Cridge and Rev. H. J. Wood respectively. The music for to-mor-row is as follows:

Morning. Organ-Pastoral Symphony Handel Organ—Pastoral Symphony ... Handel
Opening Hymn ... 83
Venite and Fsaims—As Set for Christmas Day ... Dykes
Benedictus ... Dykes
Anthem—The Glory of the Lord ... Simper
Hymn ... 87
Solo—The First Christmas Morp ... 87 Mrs. Moresby.

Evening. Organ—There Were Shepherds ... Godfrey
Psaims—As Set for Christmas Day ...
Magnificat Turner
Nunc Dimittis Turner
Hymns 87 and 83
Introit—In David's Royal City Trio-Hearts Feel That Love Thee

Violin Solo, Edgar Fawcett.
Song—O, Holy Night
Mrs. Heimcken.
Anthem—Glory of the Lord Simper Hymn 86
Vesper Hymn Sullivan
Organ—Hallelujah Chorus Handel

ST. BARNABAS'S.

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Holy eucharist at 8 and 9 a. m., matins at 10.30 a. m., choral eucharist at 11 a. m., evensong at 7 p. m. Freachers, morning, Rev. E. G. Miller; evening, Rev. S. R. Anderson, chaplain, H. M. S. Bonaventure. The music follows:

Voluntary—Offertoire C. Simper
Processional Hyann—Christians Awake.
Communion Service Simper in E Flat
Agnus and Benedictus. Simper in F Flat
Communion Hymns 313 and 322
Post Communion Hymns 595
Nunc Dimittis St. John
Postlude—Hallelujah Chorus Evensong.
Voluntary—Gloria in Excelsis, 12th Mass

Voluntary—Gloria in Excess, 12th Muss

Mozart

Psalms for Day—As Set

Magnifact

Clare in E Flat

Anthem—Behold, I Bring You Glad Tidings E. A. Clare occssional Hymn-Hark, the Herald

Hymns 59 and 62
Vesper Hymn-Lord Keep Us Safe ...
Offertory Carol-Softly Fell the Shades
of Evening F. J. Sawyer

Let Us Go to Bethlehem. Farley Roberts Angels From the Realms of Glory Maunder There Dwelt in Old Judea Field All This Night Bright Angels Sing Simper Sing Noel Simper Sing Noel Simper Postlude—Procession March .. Scotson Clark

ST. JAMES'S.

Rector, Rev. J. H. S. Sweet. Holy com-nunion at 8, matins and sermon at 11, holy communion at 12, children's service at 3, evensong and sermon at 7. Special collection at the 11 o'clock service for the Clergy V. & O. fund. The music follows: Morning.

Organ Voluntary Hymn 61
Venite and Psalms ... Cathedral Psalter
Te Deum ... 1st Setting, Cathedral Psalter

Nunc Dimittis

ST. SAVIOUR'S.

Preacher, morning and evening, Rev. C.

Morning.

Organ Prelude evening a special song service by the choir of 35 voices will be rendered. The addresses at each service will be in keeping with the Proper Psalms—XIX., XLV., LXXXV.

Cathedre Psalms—Viv., Liv., LXXXV.

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Proper Psalms—XIX., XLV., LXXXV..

Cathedral Psalter
Te Deum Maunder
Benedictus Woodward

Evensong.

Organ Prelude—Shepherd's Song Haydn
Processional Hymn 60
Proper Psalms LXXXIX, CX, CXXXII,
Magnificat Battishil
Nunc Dimittis Barnby
Anthem—Break Forth Into Joy Simper
Hymns 62 and 58
Carols—

Miss Kayton.

Hymn Sermon By the Pastor
Chorus—Thus Speakety the Lord of
Hots Offertoire
Offertoire
Miss Deaville.
Choqus—Lift Up Your Heads Handel

Carols—
We Three Kings of Orient Are. The Manger Throne.
The Christ Child.
Good Christian Men Rejoice.
Once in Bethlehem of Judah.
In Excelsis Gloria.

ST. JOHN'S.

Preachers, morning, Rev. Percival Jenus; vening, Rev. A. J. Stanley Ard. The

music follows: Matins.

Organ—Noel Guilmant
Psaims Cathedral Psaiter Hymns S4, 90 and 171
Magnificat Christopher Marks Anthem—There Were Shepherds

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN.

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Bev. Dr. Campbell will occupy the pulpit both morning and evening at the usual hours, 11 and 7. At the evening service a lecture will be delivered; subject, "The Advent of Jesus into the World." The Junior Christian Endeavor Society meets at 10 a. m. Sunday school and Bible class at 2.30 p. m. Special preparations for Christmas services have been made by the superintendent, teachers and scholars of the Sabbath school, to which all are invited. The musical selections by the choir are all appropriate for the day and are as follows:

Solo—The Blessed Birth . . Homer A. Norris Mrs. H. Briggs.

Anthem-Rejoice, O Daughter of Zion Soprano Solo, Miss M. Wilson.

Hymn 546
Anthem-Behold I Bring You Good Tidings E. S. Lorenz
Bass Solo, W. Macdonald; Tenor Solo, G.
H. Redman.

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN. Special Christmas services will be held, morning at H, evening at T. Rev. W. Leslie Clay, B. A., will be the preacher. The church has there beautifully decorated and the following music will be rendered: Morning.

Voluntary—The Silver Trumpets...Vivian

Their Flocks Best Bass Solo, D. B. Christopher.

 Bass Solo, D. B. Christopher.

 Hymns
 31, 32 and 28

 Offertory—The Shepherds Watch. Dr. Lewis

 Solo—Christmas Noel
 Adam

 Miss McCoy.

 Voluntary—Festal March
 Gullmant

Evening. Voluntary—Fantasia on Christians Awake

Anthem—O Zion, That Bringest Good Anthem—O Zon, Inat Bringest Good
Tidings ... Stainer
Soprano Solo, Miss Bishop: Tenor and Bass
Duet, Mesers. J. L. Gibson and O.
McCoy.
Hymns ... 30, 33 and 26

Solo—Nazareth Gounod J. Griffiths. Offertory-The Pastorale Symphony, Handel

Offertory—The Pastorale Symphony, Handei Solo—Night of Nights Vandewater Mrs. Campbell. Anthem—Like Silver Lamps Barnby Soprano Solo, Mrs. W. E. Staneland; Tenor Solo, J. L. Gibson. Voluntary-Hallelujah Chorus Handel

METROPOLITAN METHODIST. The pastor, Rev. G. K. B. Adams, will preach morning and evening. Classes at the usual hour. Special music will be rendered at the services. Gldon Hicks will sing a solo in the morning. In the evening solos will be given by Mrs. G. J. Burnett and Mrs. Clicken Hicks. The music for tomor. Mrs. Gideon Hicks. The music for to-morrow's services follows:

Anthem-O Come, All Ye Faithful Novello Hyum 1
Prayer
Anthem—Sweetly Through Another Night Sheliey
Lesson-John I., I., 18
Announcements

Benediction Hymn
Prayer
Anthem—How Lovely Are the Messen-

Mrs. J. G. Burnett,

Collection and Anthem-Awake, Awake

CENTENNIAL METHODIST.

Special Christmas services. The pastor, Rev. J. P. Westman, will speak at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. In the morning all pa children and friends are invited.

Organ Voluntary Hymn

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL.

Services at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. The pastor, Rev. Hermon A. Carson, B. A., will occupy the pulpit at both services. Morning theme of sermon, "The Unifier of Mankind"; evening, "Pessimism vs. Optimism." Sunday school and Bible class at 2.30 p. m. Musical arrangements are as follows:

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Solo-Morning Glory Mascheroni Miss N. Scowcroft. Anthem-The Hymn of Peace...J. Barnby

CALVARY BAPTIST. The pastor, Rev. J. F. Vichert, M. A. will preach at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Morning subject, "Gifts Offered to Christ"; evening, "Gifts That Money Casnot Boy," Sunday school and Bible class, 2.30 p. m.

THE GRAND THEATRE.

Attractive Holiday Programme Will Be Presented Next Week.

Manager Jamieson, of the Grand theatre on Johnson street, reports this is the most successful in many weeks. Prof. Musliner's sheep and pig circus having proved a great drawing card. All the other turns are good, the entire programme being a most enjoyable one. Sam and Ida Kelly furnish abundant comedy and the moving pictures are also most amusing, being one of the hits of the show. The week's engagement closes with three performances to-night,

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place, but upon his arrival there he finds
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The irrate females, old and young, hevever, object, and the chase that follows
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As Monday has been proclaimed a publie holiday owing to the great annual interesting controversy between Sir festival falling upon Sunday, there will Thomas and the leading officials of the be no issue of the Times on what is usually the first working day of the week. The staff of the Times wishes the friends and readers of the paper a very merry, joyous and happy Christmas.

A GRAY GOOSE QUILL.

Manitoba, we now have reason to believe, produces something besides No. 1 hard, the finest wheat in the world-the product that is now greatly coveted by the Americans, the people who above all others in the world know a good thing when they see it. These lines are written by a pen manufactured from a quill taken from the wing of a gray goose, thoughtfully and fittingly forwarded by the Winnipeg Free Press as a feathered reminder of the fact that there is the best of sport as well as the hardest work to be had in what is now rapidly ceasing to be a Great Lone Land. We in British Columbia have a few game birds in our fields and in our woods, but we envy the prairie dwellers their gray goose. We see occasional specimens here when they come down to feed on their way to the southern feeding grounds. But they do not appear in such numbers as to warrant those who earn their bread by the scribble of the pen to discard typewriters and resort to the implement with which the great thinkers of past times recorded their majestic thoughts and sublime sentiments. Our Winnipeg contemporary is enterprising and progres-Its Yule-tide souvenirs are always appropriate to the place from which they nanated. Winnipeg at its present rate of progress will in a few years become principal commercial city in Canada. The Northwest may also become the centre of political influence. When that time comes Victoria will be the Mecca of all who, having made their fortunes in agricultural and commercial pursuits, desire to pass the remainder of their days in a clime where the flowers bloom in midwinter and the snows rarely fall, as the souvenir and the season's greetings are intended to intimate.

BLANK SOUTHGATE, ESQ.

The Times is in receipt of a letter signed simply "Southgate," and from the tone of the document we fear the writer is not going to spend a very merry Christmas. He does not seem to have met with the success he anticipated in this new land, and consequently is inclined to revile at the conditions and to scoff at the people he believes to be reresponsible for them. Fortunate as we are, generally, high as the standard of out;

One gnaried oid fellow more or less
Ain't much in a Christmas party's press.
Ain't much in a Christmas party's party par they diffigently seek we may say that the door of opportunity is not always re-"Southgate" be not the product of the tems to which we wiluded yesterday as him that if he possesses his soul in pati-ence his opportunity will come. If body, soul and spirit be willing, the labor he nied, will yet be forthcoming. If, on the other hand, "Southgate" be not of the stuff of which successful men are made, we fear he will sink into the place that is prepared for all slothful and incom petent misfits, reviling and scoffing fill

MAN AND BEAST.

It seems from the restimony of witnesses given before the committee that is investigating the fitness of Mr. Smoot to sit in the United States Senate that even in Utah, where there is every latitude for the man in search of marital om for a divorce court. As an excuse for the toleration of polygamous practices it has been urged that the preto the American people. Now even that excuse has been removed. What apology excuse has been removed. What apology still remains for the disgusting practices of the Mormons we do not know. It will possibly he confended that the evidence against Smoot was principally extracted from wives who had been supplanted in the affections of their enterprising aponses by younger women. It appears the class who had lost some of their youthful attractions through the operations of time and hard work were not discovered to be satisfied with the hour of sposed to be satisfied with the honor of

fancies of the lordly male. Not unnaturally, perhaps, the matrimonial habit as it multiplied its desires caused trouble in many families. In fact, the female Mormon, it is clear, is not so enthusiastic a Mormonite as her worser half. But, like the pilots of Victoria, she does not care to speak out and declare her side of the case. There are penalties, not always imaginary, hanging over her head. It manufe of labor, forget for a season | might not be discreet for her to declare sentence that was imposed upon man- her impression, gathered from dearcreation or invention of a set of creatures lower in the scale of animalism than the average of the beasts of the

> Railway companies doing business Canada have discovered that rails made in this country are just as good as can be secured from any other source. A dispatch from Montreal says the steel rail industry in Ontario has never received an endorsement tending so much to establish its permanency as when that in future the big railway will buy all its rails in Canada. The announcement marks the close of a particularly Lake Superior corporation. At the outset Sir Thomas contended that standard rails could not be manufactured in Canada, and how entirely he has changed his views, so far as the big Ontario plant is ment. During the controversy both companies readily agreed to accept the reports of an investigation to be made by Capt. Hunt, of Chicago, a leading steel rail expert. After spending some time at the "Soo" he reported that no better rail was manufactured anywhere in America, and the Canadian Pacific at once accepted all the specifications of the company. The annual requirements of the line for renewal work alone would keep the "Soo" mill in operation for three months each year. A contract for 3,000 tons has been signed with the Perc Marquette railway, and one for 4,000 with the Michigan Central. The rails are for the lines of both companies in Canada. The Canadian Pacific Railway Company has placed with the Algoma Steel Company an order for 25,000 tons of eighty-foot rails for prompt delivery. Thus are we establishing ourselves as a manufacturing nation.

Toronto Star: How can Christmas be mournful? We may grow older every year, but the world grows younger every Christmas; even the loved ones, who have gone before, come back at Christma and sit in their vacant chairs, not wan-faced and sad of aspect, but smiling, as they warm themselves in our thoughts and snuggle into the happy circle. And under the spell of that Christmas spirit which sweetens the past and glorifies eternity, we can look at them without sorrow, realizing that they are lost only for a little while. What other day can compare with Christmas to soften hard hearts and deliver men to their best pulses Ail the opulence of human affect tion is released by its tender tions. Love, joy, charity, faith abound Let the coldest man abandon himself to its enchantment, and he is a post, in love with the love that makes the world go around. And since the heart leaps to wisdom more quickly than the mind, Christmas teaches us to understand that God is love.

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As we anticipated, New York State is at a loss to know what to do with Miss Nan Patterson. The authorities appear to have some doubts as to the propriety or the utility of continuing the burlesque attempt to administer justice.

THE OLD MAN'S CHRISTMAS. (Holman F. Day in "Country Life in America.")

So you trailed me, sonny? I had some doubt That you'd see me leavin' when I slipped

By sittin' here alone for a while, For 1 reckon your neighbors ain't just my style.

I'm proud of my boy who has won his way
In the world to the place where he stands
to-day.

Your mother and I, we, didn't begretch

Boostin' you high as your arms could stretch,

Poor mother! If only your marm was here! Christmas ain't Christmassy now, my dear For it's hard to relish the fun, Boy John, With your mother gome.

LITTLE BROTHER'S BASKET. Newark News.

like alastic. He hasn't got a really bed, en so he bas

W'en I had dresses en a bib I didn't kick

or ery—
I had a crib, a booful crib, 'at rocked away up high;
It had a top ist like a gig, en rollers where you rolled it,
En w'en I got all growed up big, why, then we went en sold it!

big me to sleep in;
Pa said it ist took up the floor en wasn't
worf the keepin'.
En nen, w'en I was gone, one day, avisiting Uncie Ned. My little bruvver come to stay, en thur wasn't any bed!

He hasn't got a really bed, en so he has

En don't he from the covers bad? En don't he kick and cry? En don't I know what makes him mad? He want's a crib—at's why!

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DECISION OF THE LOCAL KENNEL CLUB

Has Withdrawn From Western Association, Which Will Probably Go Out of Existence.

The Victoria Kennel Club no longer owea allegiance to the Western Kennel Association. It has been decided by local fauciers to sever all connection with the latter body. This action was taken owing to the fact that the California clubs have gone over to the American Kennel' League, which practically means that the W. K. L. will go out of existence. In fact, not only have the California associations declared for the A. K. L., but Portland has followed suit, and it is altogether probable that Washington fanciers will do the same.

The matter was thoroughly considered at The Victoria Kennel Club no longer ower

of the Coast and approved by the A. K. C., shall have all the powers and privileges of the old board.

This concedes to the Coast a board nomin-ited by the clubs of the Coast and repre-centative of the Coast, a concession the im-portance of which should not be understimated, and which removes a serious

estimated, and which removes a serious grievance of many years' standing.

In the new board every section of the Coast will be represented. Clubs will feelthat they have a personal interest in the board, and that in their delegate they have not merely a representative in, but a friend on the board, who may be relied on to promote and protect the interests of their part of the Coast.

2. In the event of the death or resignation of any member of the Pacific advisory board the body of representatives shall at once

or any memoer of the Pacine advisory board the body of representatives shall at once hold a meeting and shall send the names of three men whom it would suggest to fill the vacancy to the advisory board. The advisory board shall choose from these three names the one which in its opinion will make the most suitable member will make the most spitable member. Such nominee to be approved of by the A. K. C. N. B.—If the advisory board is to be a success its members must not be merely representative, but must be men who will work harmoniously together. As the nominees of the body of representatives are approved by the A. K. C., and as the latter, and the relief when the success he relief were the relief went to approve only smalled when the success he relief. approved by the A. K. ... and as the latter can be relied upon to approve only gentle men in whom they have absolute confidence a harmonious advisory board is assured.

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The matter was thoroughly considered at the recent meeting of the Victoria club, when it was thought best to desert the W. K. L. and British Columbia being alto gether outside the jurisdiction of the A. K. L., join the Canadian Kennel League. Another meeting of the local club will be held early in January to arrange details and transact general business.

Secretary McConneil has received several communications from Norman J. Stewart, secretary of the Western Kennel Association, explaining the unexpected action of two, and Washington two.) These several mominations shall be sent by the secretary of the distriction of the A. K. L. He points out that the power placed in the hands of a Pacific advisory board. The California clubs and the circumstances that led up to their decision to amalgamate with the A. K. L. He points out that the power placed in the hands of a Pacific advisory board was all that any of them desired, and, and shall be empower to hold meetings at the Western clubs that they are practically given the management of Coast shows, therefore, it was sail that any of them desired, and, and shall be empower to hold meetings at wisory board from time to time as in the body of representatives band and was all that any of them desired, and, may see fit and make such representatives in the partie with a gun, a club and a nadiy discordered imagination. This combon and recommendations to the Pacific advisory board and shall be empower to hold meetings at the such places as the body of representatives to be an escaped immate of one of the body of point one desirable. It is hoped that by the Pacific advisory board from time to time as in the body so planon are desirable. It is hoped that the point is provided to the pacific advisory board may be kept in touch with the Coast fanciers, a great majority of whom belongs to be an escaped immate This was all that any of them desired, and, therefore, it was generally thought advisable to join the parent association.

Mr. Stewart also forwards the appended statement:

1. The Pacific advisory board shall consist of seven members, three of whom shall be nominated by the California clubs, two by the Oregon clubs and two by the Washington clubs, in the manner specified under Sec. 2 by the body of representatives at the davisory board to the American Kennel Club for approval. On approval by the A. K. C., of those nominations the nominees shall take their seats on the advisory board, and this new board, nominated by the clubs

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nually as heretofore, the only difference befing that Canadian Kennel regulations—
much similar to those of the Western Kennel League—will be enforced. It is expected that the associations of Vancouver and

Dr. R. E. McKechnie returned on Thursday from a two months' trip in the East, partly on business and partly for pleasure. During his absence, he visited the World's Fair at St. Louis, Salt Lake

all least, partiy on business and partiy ton pleasure. During his absence, he visited the World's Fair at St. Louis, Salt Lake City and other places of note. He was also in Toronto, where he found the weather very cold, and it made him feel glad to get back to British Columbia's milder and more agreeable climate. "It was feared on Thursday that F. M. Cowperthwaite, principal of Dawson school, had been the victim of a shooting accident, but developments proved that he had only been overcome by a fit of sickness," says the News-Advertiser." Mr. Cowperthwaite is an ardent sportsman, and on Wednesday morning took the early train to Lulu Island to hunt ducks. Not returning in the evening, as was his wont, considerable anxiety was felt by Mrs. Cowperthwaite, and on Thursday morning J. H. Carlisle, chief of the fire department, a personal friend, and C. H. Barker, electrician at No. 2 hall, drove out to Lulu Island. They searched all day but found no trace of the missing man, but on arriving at Brighouse station toward evening, they met George B. Harris, of this city, who had been out shooting and who gave them definite information. Mr. Harris said that when he had gone out on Thursday morning his attention was attracted by calls from Mr. Cowperthwaite, who was found underneath a tree, He had been overcome by an acute bilious attack, and being alone was unable to help himself, and had spent the night in the open. Mr. Harris had assisted Mr. Cowperthwaite to a neighboring farm house, where he was seen by Chief

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Carlisle, who returned Thursday evening. At last reports Mr. Cowperthwaite was recovering rapidly."

PHOENIX.

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-The third annual newsboys' dinner will be given on December 29th, and not on the 27th, as erroneously stated yes-terday.

-Mr. W. H. Knight, of Victoria, and Asiss Jennie Beatty, of Vancouver, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony by Rev. W. J. Sipprell, B. A., B. D., on Wednesday, December 21st, at New

Owing to the holidays there will be no public meeting of the Socialist party in the Crystal theatre to-morrow evening, nor on New Year's day. The next meeting will be held on Sunday evening, January 8th.

The examiners who are at work on the papers of candidates who wrote on the recent High school entrance examination may complete their labors this evening. There is a possibility, however, that the remaining papers may not all be read to-day, and that the examiners may have to return again after Christmas to complete their labors.

A Christmas tree and entertainment will be held next Thursday evening at St. Columba church, Oak Bay. An ex-St. Columba church, Oak Bay, An excellent programme has been prepared by the children and teachers of the Sunday school, and a cordial invitation is extended parents and friends. Santa Claus will appear some time during the evening and distribute presents. A pleasant time is assured all who attend.

—The usual Christmas tree and entertainment of St. Paul's Sabbath school will take place in Semple's hall, Victoria West, on Tuesday evening next. The children will be served with supper from 5.30 to 6.30. The programme by the children, prepared under the direction of Miss Mary Hutchison, a sufficient guarantee of its excellency, will begin at 7.30, to be followed by the distribution by Santa Claus of a present to each child from a beautifully decorated Christmas tree.

Great preparations are being made in the Metropolitan Methodist church for the coming Christmas services. The church will be beautifully adorned with church will be beautifully adorned with floral and electrical decorations. An augmented choir, under the leadership of Gideon Hicks, will render special Christmas music, several of the solos, quartettes, etc., never having been given in Victoria. The pastor, Rev. G. K. B. Adams, will preach short sermons appropriate to the occasion. No pains are being spared to make these services especially conspicuous by their brightness and taste.

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—The sunday school entértainment and

cents; total, \$32.

—The sunday school entertainment and Christmas treat of the Congregational church will be held on Wednesday evening next at 8 o'clock. A splendid cantata, entitled the "Christmas Ship," will be rendered by the members of the school, which will be followed by the distribution of presents from the Christmas tree. The children have been practicing for some time, and a good entertainment is expected. A notable feature in connection with this year's joyful celebration will be gifts on the part of the children for those who are unprovided. A nominal admission fee will be charged for adults, children being free. This is done in order-that whatever is over and above expenses may be contributed to the jubilee fund of the school. The public and friends of the church are invited.

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—Yesterday afternoon the drawing

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—Yesterday afternoon the drawing took place for the grammaphone drawn for in connection with the sales of White Swan. soap. The drawing was held at the West End Grocery, and the winning number was 1,052. The soap which won the prize was sold by Johns Bros. The holder of the ticket can obtain the gramaphone by calling at the office of the B. C. Soap Company, Humbolit street. Another drawing will be held for a gramaphone about the end of January.

-A hockey match was played betweet the South Park and North Ward schoo girls' teams this morning at Beacon Hill It was won by the former, the score be It was won by the former, the score oc-ing 5 goals to 1. The game was not as uneven as the score makes it appear, the opposing elevens being evenly balanced and putting up a first-class exhibition. The South Park girls undoubtedly had the fastest forwards and the best shots, each for this is, their victory attributed. the fastest forwards and the best shots, and to this is their victory attributed. Miss N. Erskine did the scoring for the North Ward eleven. For the winners Miss Norma Hall was the most prominent. She made three of the goals, and played a clever reliable game throughout. It is understood that a return match between the two teams will be arranged for the near future.

—Mrs. E. C. Masgrave, wife of the manager of the Tyee copper mine, Mount Sècker, passed away at the family residence, Duncaus, on Thursday everning. Her illness was short but severe, and when it was realized that the patient was in a strictle condition. Dr. Moredith when it was realized that the patient was in a critical condition Dr. Meredich Jones, of this city, was notified and a special train engaged to enable him to reach there in time. Mrs. Musgrave, however, succumbed before the doctor reached his destination. Deceased was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clermont Livingstone, and had a wide circle of friends and acquaintances, not only throughout the district surrounding Duncans, but in Victoria, among whom her sudden demise will cause much sorrow and regret. The funeral arrangements have not yet been announced.

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On her last trip south the steamer Leelanaw, chartered to R. W. Dunsmuir, of this city, sustained considerable injury. A survey was made on Thursday to determine the extent of the injuries to the steamer's hull. Much water was pumped out of the hold, says the Tacoma Ledger, and one of the holes on the starboard side was discovered. It was impossible to learn the exact nature of the leak, as there is much sand and debris packed around the opening. A force of men is at work to clear the hold. The hole was partially stopped up with cement. Whether the Leelanaw will have to go into drydock before attempting an to go into drydock before attempting another trip North is yet unknown. The work of discharging the inward cargo of 1,800 tons of concentrates from the Treadwell mines was pushed rapidly yesterday.

T. G. Mitchell, who has been appointed Lloyd's surveyor for British Columbia, is recognized as one of the most competent engineers in Victoria. He has long been connected with the C. P. R. Company's fleet, and previously with the C. P. N. Company, and has held during this time about the most responsible positions in either service, it having been only last year that he was sent to England to superintend the installation of the machinery in the steamer Princess Victoria. He came out from England in charge of the engine department of the ship, and has since presided over that vessel's machinery. Previously he was engineer on the Charmer, and has carned for himself a reputation for ability that led to no delay with Lloyd's when a selection of their British Columbia representative had to be made.

The post office staff are smoking the health of Messrs. A. W. Knight, Shall-cross & Macaulay and R. P. Rithet & Co., who were so thougfful as to remember them with the most fragrant of

-Under the head "Trafalgar Day Celebrated at the Western Outpost of the Empire," the last issue of the Navy League journal contains a lengthy account of the celebration held in Victoria on that occasion. It gives brief accounts of addresses by C. E. Redfern, J. Peirson, the local secretary; A. E. Mc-Phillips, K. C., and Senator Macdonald.

—S. A. Perkins, of the Tacoma Ledger, has issued a neat little folder nicely illustrated, called the Perkins Press. It contains some interesting sta-tistical information concerning Tacoma, and gives a brief history of Mr. Perkins's journalistic enterprises, the Tacoma Ledger, the Tacoma Daily News, the Bellingham Herald, the Olympia Daily Recorder, the Everett Daily Herald and the Tacoma Engraving Company.

-Sir Thomas Shaughnessy's prediction before the board of trade in Victoria, when he was here last summer, namely, that it would not be long before the C. P. R. Company would be supplying a fortnightly service to the Orient, appears to be within measurable distance of fulfillment. The news from London, published in last evening's Times, confirms the information given out in this paper a few days previously, in effect that one or more of the steamers to be built would be for the Pacific. The company now provides a three-weekly schedule in summer with their Empress liners, but with two more steamers added to the fleet it would be in a position to provide the fortnightly service contemplated in a very efficient manner. According to the dimensions given of these liners, as announced yesterday, the ships will be considerably larger than the vessels now operated. They will also be at least two knots faster, and will doubtless in the matter of appointment and equipment rank first on the Pacific.

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MILITARY NEWS AND GOSSIP

mental orders, which give a list of the candidates successful in the recent examinations, twenty-three of those who tried qualified. Only four who attended the school of instruction will not be given the centificates enaithing the holder to the rank of non-comissioned officer. Two of these did not complete the course, leaving only two failing to secure the required percentage. Lieut.-Colonel Hall, Capt. McConnan and Major Hibben, the examining officers, express themselves gratified at these most satisfactory results. The same feeling prevails among all other militia officers, and, in fact, throughout the regiment.

Some difficulty was experienced this year in instructing and examining the large number of candidates presenting themselves. If as many desire to take the course in the next school it is the intention of the officers in charge to

intention of the officers in charge to make a different arrangement. The regimental orders issued by Lieut-Colonel Hall, comanding the Fifth Regi-

The following extract from G. O. No. 165, The following extract from G. O. 30. 103, November 7th, 1904, is published for information: "Fifth British Columbia Regiment, Prov. Lieut. J. A. McTavish is permitted to retire, 10th October, 1904."

The following man having been granted.

his discharge is struck off the strength of the regiment: No. 208, Gr. W. W. Gabriel, ber 14th.

December 14th.

All drills will be discontinued from this date until Monday, the 9th January, 1905, when each company will parade on their re-The regular monthly meeting of the offi-

the regular monthly meeting of the out-cers will be held in the mess rooms, drill hall, on Thursday, January 5th, at 8.30 p. m. Dress, walking out. The drill hall will be closed from Monday, 20th, to Saturday, 31st Inclusive. The following N. C. O.'s and men have

obtained certificates as under at the regi-

mental school of instruction:
For Co. Sergt. Major-Sergt. Huyward,
Corp. McNaughton, Sergt. Lorimer, Corp.
C. McNaughton, Sergt. Spurrier, Sergt. Sergeant-Gr. Laurie, Gr. Barber, Sergt. Richdale, Gr. J. O'Keefe, Gr. Mc

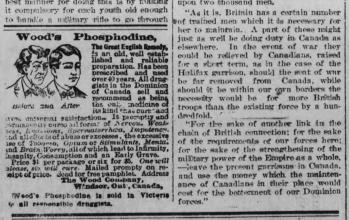
Sergt. Richarder, Gr. J. O'Reete, Orp. Basshaw, Corp. Stewart, Corp. Lawson, Gr. L. O'Keefe. For Corporal-Gr. Strachan, Br. Wolfenden, Gr. Rosa, Gr. Loat. For Bombardler-Gr. Sweeney, Gr. Deane,

Gr. Roachford.

complete.

All acting rank granted subject to qualification at recent school is hereby cancelled.

Officers commanding companies will hand in at once recommendations for promotion, which, in cases of men holding acting rank, may date back to the time acting rank was



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in after life, would get a training in their
school days which would be very useful
to the country in case of need; and thus
Canada would be constantly susplied
with material from which an army might
be formed at very short notice. Of course
in advancing this theory the writer considers that a country farsighted enough
to adopt it would not be so blind as not
to have a well trained nucleus and corps
of instructors which would be the frame
on which the army of the nation would
be built, also that there would be military material, maps and war schemes
prepared for this army, and also that
those branches such as intelligence, supply and artifliery, which require extra
training, should be a permanent force
and in sufficient proportion to the war
strength of the country. Although many
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times, and many others disagree entirety others will acree with it, and although

will think it a little far ahead of the times, and many others disagree entire-ly, others will agree with it, and although at first at looks unfeasible, yet there is all the material ready: 1st, the boys; 2nd, the men school teachers, who could go to one of the royal schools of instruc-tion and the musketny school, take cer-tificates, and instruct their pupils in mili-tery work as well as in the ordinary edu-

tary work as well as in the ordinary edu-cational work; 3rd, the rifles and camp equipment in the militia stores; 4th, the rifle ranges to camp on and shoot over; 5th, the time to carry it out, i.e., two weeks in the early summer after school A Times London correspondent says:
"Viscount Bury, First Battalion Scots
Guards, son and heir of the Earl of
Albermarle, has been appointed extra
aide-de-camp to Earl Grey. The Viscount, who is a relative of Capt. Colin
Keppel, D.S.O., late commander of H.
M. S. Graffon, has served in the Guards

Rewart, Corp. Lawson, Gr. L. O'Reere.
For Corporal—Gr. Strachan, Br. Wolfen, Gr. Ross, Gr. Loat.
For Bombardler—Gr. Sweeney, Gr. Deane, 5rr. Roachford.
Sergt. Nesbitt and Gr. Major did not
Canadian Military Gazotte says:

"It seems that the ofit-talked-of with-drawal of the British garrisons from Halifax and Esquimalt is again under discussion. It is comforting to know that Sir Frederick Borden says he has heard nothing of it (officially we pre-sume), but nevertheless it is discussed may date back to the time acting rank was approved.

Col. Holmes, D. O. C., wishes all members of the Fifth Regiment C. A, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, in which the offieer commanding Fifth Regiment heartily Joins.

By order.

(Sgd.) D. B. M'CONNAN, Capt., (Sgd.) D. B. M'CONNAN, Capt., (Sgd.) The state of the captain of the camadian Military Gazette speaks very strongly in favor of the establishment of cadet corps in connection with all Canadian public schools. He says:

"This tendency appears to be one of the Canadian national life both at present and for the future. The object of all our military expenditures and training is to preserve peace, but in case of war to be preserve peace, but in case of war to be preserved, and it appears that the best menner for doing this is by making to chandle a military rifle to go through to handle a military rifle to go through the first of the captain handle a military rifle to go through to handle a military rifle to go through the first of the captain handle a military rifle to go through the first of the presence of the first handle a military rifle to go through the first handle a military rifle to go through the first handle a military rifle to go through the first handle a military rifle to go through the first handle a military rifle to go through the first handle a military rifle to go through the first handle a military rifle to go through the first handle a military rifle to go through the first handle a military rifle to go through the first handle a military rifle to go through the first handle a military rifle to go through the first handle a military rifle to go through the first handle a military rifle to go through the first handle a military rifle to go through the first handle a military rifle to go through the first handle a military rifle to go through the first handle a military rifle to go through the first handle a mil

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At the Victoria West hall hest evening junior and intermediate league matches were played between Clowerdale and Fernwood teams. In both games the Clowerdales were successful, withing the intermediate by a score of 23 to 9, and the junior by 19 to 7 points. As will be seen, the Fernwoods were outclassed. If they hope to stand any chance in the struggle for the pennant their teams must be strengthened considerably.

STANDING OF LEAGUES.

The standing of the intermediate and unior lengues follows:

Won. Lost. Drawn. Points.

Intermediate.

Fifth Regiment . Victoria West . .

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL. MATCH TO-DAY.

A league match is in progress this af-ternoon between the Victoria West and Victoria United teems at Oak Bay. Play commenced at 3 o'clock. The respective teams were published in these column

GAME FOR MONDAY.

As announced in these columns yester-day, a game will be played on Monday between the Victoria United and Victoria West teams. This will be the last league game these teams are scheduled

If Victoria United wins, the champion If Victoria United was, the champion-ahip will be decided with the Garrison eleven. Should the locals prove victori-ous in this latter game the teams will be on an even standing and another match will have to be arranged to decide the

question of supremacy.

Monday's game will start at 10.30 o'clock in the morning on the Oak Bay grounds. Following are the respective

teams:
Vactoria United: Goad, Finiaison; full-backs, H. A. Goward and S. Lorimer; half-backs, K. Hughes, J. Thomson, W. Lorimer; forwards, B. Tye, L. York, J. Cornwall, C. Berkeley, and J. Lorimer. Victoria West: Goad, Roller; full-backs, Isbister and Jones; half-backs, Provins, Quarrie and Harper; forwards, Lewis, O'Donnell, Jasper, Burgess and Constable.

FRIENDLY CONTEST.

A friendly game is being played this afternoon between the Garrison team and a Victoria West second eleven, on the Work Point barrack grounds. VICTORIA WEST TEAM.

To the Sporting Editor:-Re the Vic toria West Athletic Association team as published in your columns of last evening, I should like to point out the farce of such a team representing the home club. The team as published is composed of the following: Six soldiers from Work Point; two men from Viotoria city; two men from Esquinalt; one man (Poller) alone being a resident of Victoria West or a member of the Victoria West Athletic Association. It is not surprising that this so-cuffled Victoria West team is consistent only in the fact of losing every league match, and will continue to do so when such players as Lewis (totally untried as far as we know) and Harper, who was played once, in a friendly toria West Athletic Association team as ly untried as far as we know) and Harper, who was played once, in a triendly
last year against the R. E. at Work
Point, are experimented with it league
matches. The two Esquimait players
are useful men; the Victoria West player
is capable of putting up a fine game in
goaf; two of the six military contingent
might catch a doubtful place in the Work
Reint elegent. A team coveraged of Vicmight catch a doubtful place in the work Point eleven. A team composed of Vic-toria West players could do no worse than lose every natch. The president of the Victoria West Association assured me that he had no say in the choosing of the aforementioned eleven, but that they were chosen by Bugler Provins, R. A.,

OAKLEY AWARDED DECISION.

The propensity for fouling which T. Neillings, of R. G. A., displayed to a marked degree, got the better of him in the glove contest at the Savoy last night and he lost to Jimmy Oakley, of H. M. S. Shearwater, in the fifth round. The match was announced for 15 rounds, but it is questionable if it would have lasted that long, even had the soldier not lost his head and landed at the wrong time. Of the quintette of installments that did take place. Oakley apparently had the honors, but they did not rest very firmly upon him, for the Tommy developed surprising recuperative powers in the face of the considerable pasting he received. The salor had the advantage in weight and built. As a matter of fact Oakley is splendidly built, and fights in the good old English style, scorning the covering tactics which seem to be the vogue, but which always disgust the spectators. Neillings can hit hard enough to fell anything, if he lands, but he handles himself as if he wasn't quite positive whether he is fighting on his feet or on his head. He is a very unsatisfactory man in the ring, spends too much of his time in his corner, and seems to act on the principle "that the man who gets his right in fust," whether in a clinch or not, is the man for the game.

In the first round last night Oakley drove Neillings into his corner, where he remained for several seconds. Had the corner been half a mile distant he would have been forced there just the same. Both men banged at one another with a reckless and joyous abandon, which evidently warmed them up, but the points in the first round were few and far between.

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In the second act Oakley, faithfully carrying out the stage whispered instruc-tions of his second, Mickey Welch, paid his respects to Neillings's kidneys, which he hammered several times, while the soldier was busy protecting his face.

again became a haven of refuge. Perhaps the feature of this round was the tap received by Capt. Wallace Langley, the referee, from Neillings as he was breaking the men from a clinch. The Tommy saw the face ahead, and not bothering his head as to whom it belonged let for as it.

ed, let fly at it.

Round three was one of the liveliest of he match. It started with a mixup near

Round three was one of the liveness of the match. It started with a mixup near the ropes, which nearly developed into a wrestling contest. Neillings got a hard one on the jaw and went down for a brief count in the corner, but he quickly recovered. Oakley landed another to jaw, but got Neillings's left in return. Oakley then planted a series of rights and lefts on Neillings's face, which sent the soldier down again, but he bobbed up serenely in short order. This was the sailor's round, and Neillings looked somewhat embarrassed when the gong rang. In the fourth round the soldier bucked up and made things lively for the tar. He received one-or two in the face, but returned at least six square on the mark, and for the nonce the bluejacket was groggy. Then Neillings showed that he couldn't stand prosperity, for he struck the bluejacket in a clinch. Referee Langley warned him, threatening to award the fight to Oakley if he repeated the foul. Just as the gong rang Oakley landed a vicious one on the soldier's jaw. landed a vicious one on the soldier's jaw.

Ine fifth round was characterized by the redoubled activity of the soldier and his remarkable fouling. He started off with a right and left on Oakley's face, and then proceeded to jab him in a clinch. Capt. Langley immediately stopped the fight, but on agreement between the principals and in deference to the wishes of the crowd it was allowed to continue. There was a sharp interchange, each man aiming at the other's face. Neillings let loose a wild, furious swing and Oakley went down, but evidently not very much hurt. Neillings stood over him—and held his arms as though to strike. The referee and crowd yelled for him to stand back, but the soldier had lost his head. He was a forcible illustration of a man grievously tempted and about to fall. Restraining himself no longer he suddenly dropped his glove on the sailor's face, and the referee immediately awarded the contest to Oakley on a foul. Oakley showed the better form throughout the fight, although the soldier developed a great deal of steam in the last two rounds.

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Before the contest it was announced that on next Friday night Collie Hill, of this city, and Fred Stubbert would give a 20-round-exhibition at the Savoy. Bert Clarke was introduced as a challenger of any 130-pound man in the Northwest. Capt. Wallace Langley proved to be a satisfactory referee. satisfactory referee.

WANTS SIDE BET.

Mention was made in these columns some days ago of a proposed match be-tween Gr. McNamee, of Work Point garrison, and Professor Hornbuckle, of garrison, and Professor Hombuckle, of Vancouver. Regarding this contest the Vancouver World says: "Professor Hombuckle states in regard to this chal-lenge that he is anxious to meet the Vic-toria and Esquimalt talent but cannot afferd to train and to leave the city and his business for nothing. He learns that the naval and military boxers are now attracting very small criticals in Victoria sting very small crowds in Victoria attracting very small crows in vision and the box receipts would be small, in consequence of which he would like to arrange a side bet of \$50 each. If Gunner McNamee is winning to risk \$50 on his ability to defeat Hornbuckle, the latter will hasten to the Capital at the time the artilleryman suggests

> HOCKEY. COWICHAN WANTS GAME.

A communication has been received by H. Dalby, secretary of the Victoria club, from a Cowichan dearn asking for a match to take place some time in January at Duncars. The question has been considered and it is proposed to accede to the request. In all probability the game will be played on the 21st of next month.

HANDBALL.

THE FINAL GAMES. THE FINAL GAMES.

Only the finals in the J. B. A. A. fournament remain to be played. The leading teams are Pettingell and Hart, and Jost and Finlaison, and the last struggle between these teams should prove a splendid exhibition. According to their respective standings the former couple has played eight, won seven and lost one game, while Messrs. Jost and Finlaison have played eight, won six and lost two matches. Therefore there is only one game between the two teams. and Jost and Finlaison, and the last struggle between these teams should prove a splendid exhibition. According to their respective standings the former couple has played eight, won seven and lost one game, while Messrs. Jost and Finlaison have played eight, won six and lost two matches. Therefore there is only one game between the two teams. Should Jost and Finlaison win the next match they will be on an even basis. Such a result would call for a final match. There seems to be a great difference of opinion as to which of the two teams will prove successful. In spite of the fact that Jost and Finlaison are handicapped, the concensus of opinion appears to be in their favor. At any rate the final contests will be well worth witnessing.

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RUGBY FOOTBALL.

VICTORIA v. VANCOUVER.**

To-morrow evening the Victoria team to be able to win out against the case since the first game of the soas in the soas in the soas in the so VICTORIA v. VANCOUVER.

To-morrow evening the Victoria team will leave for Vancouver to play a return league match with the Terminal City fifteen. It is not exaggerating to say that the lecals are stronger than has been the case since the first game of the season. Those who know the players will acknowledge this when they glance over the appended line-up. Capt. Macrae has succeeded in gathering together a fast fifteen. Every man has won a reputativen and their distribution shows more judgment than on the occasion Vancouver played Victoria at the Caledonia grounds. In spite, of these preparations it is a question whether Victoria will be able to win out against the exceedingly strong team which Vancouver has gathere is confident that the Terminal City stalwarts will be made to fight hard for the honors. The game will be played on Monday morning, commencing at 10.30 o'clock at Brockton Point, allowing the local team to leave to-morrow might and return by Monday's steamer. Commencing on this game the Vancouver World says:

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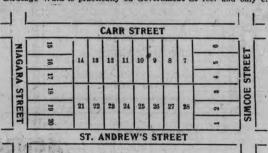
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"The game on Christmas Day (Monday) against Victoria should be the best of the scason. Since Victoria gave the home club such a hard game in Victoria, they have improved wonderfully and will be strengthened greatly by the inclusion of the Gillespies. Schofield also is in far better shape than at any time this season and will, with good support, make it very lively for any opposing backs. The Capital feawards are fast and heavy and, if the ground is at all inclined to be wet, should be abled to hold their own against the lighter Vancouver aggregation. While Vancouver

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have already beaten Victoria once this-season, it is no certainty they can do it again, and the club officers should ar-range a good hard practice for Saturday. With the material to hand a very fast and lively 'bunch' can be picked, and if preference is given to those players who regularly turn out to practice and are in-good shape, the spectators can gamble on seeing a game 50 per cent. faster than anything seen at the Point this season."

Following are the respective teams:
Victoria: Full-back, K. Gillespie;
three-quaaters, Scholefield, Gillespie (H.),
Talbot and Patton; half-backs, Gillespie
(A.), and J. Bray; forwards, Cornwall,
Barnacle, Menzies, Forsythe, Newcombe,
Kennedy, Macrae (captain), and Tangett.
Vancouver: Full-back, Wartson; threequarters, Marpole, Jenkins, Johnston and
Flood; half-backs. Sawer, Dempster or
Bajus; forwards, Botterell, Brenton, Ritchie, McConaghy, Piggott, Hugh Springer, Templeton and Worsnop (captain).

FUTURE OF MOROCCO.

Will Command the Straits of Gibraltar?

The outcome of the recent Anglo French convention will probably be a definite French and Spanish control over Morocco, and the disappearance from the map of the last completely independent, So far as the British Empire is concerned, there has been a renunciation of any tacit or expressed aspiration to contro or educate the Moorish Empire. Fleeting efforts were made under the Conser vative administration, which left office in 1892, and under that which has pre vatled since 1895, to regenerate Morocco. Something very like a British pro-tectorate was offered through Sir Chas Euan Smith in 1892, without sufficient thought being taken as to the opposition

thought being taken as to the opposition which France would make directly, or inspire indirectly through local factions. Latterly, we have had the sensational visit to England of the Moorish Vizier, Al Manabhi, and the project for the regeneration of the Moroccan army under a British commander-in-chief, who should firmly establish the government of the Sharifian Emperor over the whole of his acknowledged dominions.

It cannot be said so much that these attempts resulted in failure, as that they had been undertaken too half-heartedly to command success. Whether in these actions the British government was pursuing a wise policy or not, we still know too little to determine. It should have been so obvious all along to far-sighted statesmen that a British-controlled Morocco was impossible (viewed as a prudential measure) on the flank of the French Empire in North Africa, that one would question the morality of inspiring false hones amones.

Danger of Franco-Spanish Control.

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This seems to the present writer the most unsatisfactory part of the arrangement. The world at large would hardly be content with seeing such a powerful nation as France or Britain controlling the Atlantic entrance of the Straits of Gibrathar. All agreements as to nonfortification are fruitiess. Such stipulations have never availed to prevent the nation holding the territory from fortifying as much as it liked. Free cities, are generally hotbeds of intrigue and iniquity. It would have been, in my humble opinion, a safer proceeding to have invited Portugal to be a party to these two conventions, and to have reoccupied the



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western section of the Tangier-Tetwan promontory as far south as Larash, and that very Kasr-al-Kabir, where she lost a dynasty and a North African empire in 1578. This proceeding would have placed the control of the Straits of Gibraltar in the hands of four western European powers, instead of giving the predominant control to France and Strain

predomnant control to France and Spain.

In conclusion, I would venture to express the hope that, if Spain is allowed by France and England this share in the control of Morocco, she will exercise it in the same spirit that has inspired France in Tunis; while, of course, we all hope to see France repeating her Tunisian successes in Morocco. The meaning of this phrase is that both these European powers should not strive (as Errance did once, somewhat foolishly, in Algeria) to unduly promote a European colonization of Morocco, but rather to educate the natives of that part of Africa towards a better condition of civilization and some chance of eventual self-government under native princes; in short, to repeat in Morocco the British. civilization and some chance of eventual self-government under native princes; in short, to repeat in Morocco the British policy in Egypt and the French dealings with Tunisia. There will be a limited infiltration of Morocco by Spaniards, no doubt, as there are many waste places to be filled and much room for an increased population; but this might well occur as a natural movement, unforced by any government. It will come about the more insensibly because of the strong and deep-seated racial connection between the Spaniard of Andalusia and the Berber of Morocco.

Lastly, British acquiescence in a French and Spanish control over Morocco (with which country our present annual trade is approximately £1,500,000) should be contingent on the maintenance of a free trade policy on Moroccan territory.—By Sir Harry Johnston, K. C. B.

A dispatch from Papeete, Tahiti, via San Francisco, says: "The Pitcairi Island cruising cutter has been wrecked. Mr. Coffin, one of the passengers, was drowned. Three young men managed to make their escape by swimming eight miles in a rough sea."

The Russian admiralty is perfecting arrangements to dispatch as soon as the war is over an expedition headed by Admiral Vilchitsky, chief of the hydrographic bureau, to thoroughly explore the Arctic route to the Far East, especially with reference to the question of ice blocks in Kara Straits. The expedition is expected to require from three to five years to complete its work.

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Saturday night the Ladies' Hockey

Mr. and Mrs. James Harvey, of Comox, are in town, the guests of Mrs. Harvey's father and mother, Capt. and Mrs. Gaudin, of Craigflower road. Mr. Harvey is now engaged in ranching near Courtney, in the Comox valley.

Mr. Fred Foster is down from Ash-croft for the holiday festivities. He is staying with his parents on Simcoe

Mrs. Baiss and Miss Baiss went over

to Vancouver Tursday night. They will be away until after Christmas.

Mrs. Frank Watkis has returned from Vancouver, where she spent a week visiting her aunt, Mrs. Capt. Revely.

Mr. Fred Bodwell is visiting his brother and sister, Mr. E. V. and Miss Bodwell, of Rockland avenue.

Mrs. (Rev.) W. W. Bolfon, accompanied by her daughter, Miss Vivian Bolton, will leave for New York immediately after the holidays. They intend in

ately after the holidays. They intend in-cluding some of the principal cities of the United States in their itinerary, and

from 1,952,533 cubic yards or gravel.

Basing his estimate on these results,
Mr. Hobson gives the opinion that if he
had been able to have a run of 200 days
instead of 88, he would have had a return of \$193,800 this season. After taking \$150,000 out for expenses of operation, the profits to the company would
have been \$43,800.

Saturday night the Ladies' Hockey Club gave a very successful dance in Assembly hall in honor of the Vancouver Ladies' Hockey Club, the members of which had been their opponents on the field that afternoon. The men's clubs of the two cities had been playing the same day, so all the hockey enthusiasts were busy both afternoon and evening. The energetic and capable committee, consisting of Misses Nason, Leeming, Baiss, Wilson, Bowron and D. Sehl are to be congratulated on the success attending their efforts to entertain the visitors, and at the same time to provide fun for themselves and the younget dancing set of Victoria who attended in large numbers. Senator and Mrs. Templeman enter tained at dinner Friday night of last week Mr. Justice Duff and Mrs. Duff, Mr. and Mrs. Redfern, Dr. and Mrs. Watt, Mr. and Miss Lugrin and Dr. and Mrs. Jones.

Mr. A. W. Vowell gave a dinner Tuesday night in honor of Miss Vernon. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Vernon, Col. and Mrs. A. W. Jones, Miss Vernon, Miss Nonie Powell, Miss Eva Loewen, Mr. Forbes Vernon, Capt. Sandeman and Capt. Blandy.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Taylor, of Kelowna, are staying with Mr. and Mrs. Stirling, Belcher street. They will re-main for a month or two.

Mrs. Loewen and Miss Eva Loewen have gone to Vancouver to spend the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Loewen.

Mrs. Sanson and children, of Clinton, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. D. E. Campbell, of Linden avenue. Dr. Sanson will be down for Christmas.

Miss Estelle Aikman has returned from a visit to Seattle and Tacoma.

Mrs. Jas. Forman has returned from a trip to Idaho.

A pencil sketch of Lady Sybil Grey, A pencil sketch of Lady Syon (res, daughter of the new Governor-General, taken at Halifax, shows a very bright, spirited face, with slight figure and lux-uriant hair, arranged in a most becom-ing evening conflure.

Mrs. H. D. Helmcken is back from San Francisco, where she has been visit-ing her daughters, Mrs. Ohlandt and Mrs. Crowell. Mrs. Helmcken is suffer-ing from a slight attack of influenza, and in St. Joseph's hospital.

Mr. Frank O'Reilly, of Cranbrook, is in town for the holidays and other at-

Miss Ethel Ferriss, of Tacoma, is visiting her sister, Mrs. D. M. Rogers.

Mrs. Hunter, wife of Chief Justice Hunter, has returned from a short trip to the Sound. will visit relatives residing in New York. After a short stay there Miss Bolton will go on to England to attend school, while Mrs. Bolton will return to Victoria.

Miss Brady, who has been studying music in Europe for several years, is on her way home. She is at present in Golden with her father and mother.

any, operating on Quesnelle river, has left for the East to attend the directors'

meeting of the company and to lay be-fore it his report for the past season's

operations. Mr. Hobson has an expert

According to the indications interference from the intrusion of rock slide in part of the ground being worked has been passed. With an ample supply of water Mr. Hobson thinks that the conditions at the mines are more promising than they have been since 1900. He holds the opinion, based upon careful observation throughout the succeeding seasons, that the gold product is dependent, mainly upon the amount of precipitation and the water supply available during the season.

J. B. Hobson, managing director of the hours' run was made, yielding \$92,678.93

Consolidated Hydraulic Mining Com- from 1,952,533 cubic yards of gravel.

about a million pounds of pipe. The cost of carriage for this from the coast would alone amount to about \$50,000, which in itself gives some idea of the benefits to be derived from extensive hydraulic operations being carried on.

Recently the immense values in the heavy concentrates that remain in the sluices have been occupying the attention of Mr. Hobson. He has subjected the concentrates to repeated tests, finding not only gold in the sand, but also the more valuable elements, palladium and osmiridium, and also platinum. These concentrates it is likely to be proved carry values of many thousand dollars to the ton.

A sample submitted to J. O. Sullivan. Miss Angus is back from a short visit to Vancouver, where she was the guest of her sister, Mrs. B. T. Rogers.

A sample submitted to J. O. Sullivan, of Vancouver, who has an enviable repu-

tation as an assayer, gave the returns:	Tollowi
G	ross Val
Ounces	Per Tor
Per Ton.	£ 2,000 I
Gold 95	\$1,900
Silver *	90
Platinum 64	832
Palladium 64.4	1,769
Osmiridium 42	1,386
Copper 10.5 p.c.	16.5
	\$5,993.5

With such immense values in the con-centrates, which, up to recently, have not been considered of very especial im-portance, the hydraulic properties of Cariboo are likely to astonish the world and attract capital, which seeks a pro-fitable place for investment. of Victoria who attended in large numbers.

When midnight came many were the wishes that the clock might be turned back just a little, but all good things must have an end.

Some of those present were: Mrs. S. McB. Smith, Mrs. Carew-Gibson, Mrs. Simpson, Misses Jay, Newcombe, Reid, E. Sehl, Locke, Monteith, D. Sehl, Newling, Hardie, G. Hickey, T. Monteith, Fraser, Roberts, Goddard, Brownlee, V. Hickey, Bechtel and Green, and Messrs. Worlock, Williams, P. Austin, Cambie, Leslie Bell, Macrae, Troup, J. Leeming, H. G. Lawson, D. McConnan, T. McConnan, R. Wilson, L. York, Gore, Newell, Goddard, G. Gaudin, G. Wilson, Hanington, Patton and McKilligan.

Mr. and Mrs. James Harvey, of

New Mining Section.

W. M. Hockins, who has been instrumental in disposing of a group of 16 copper claims to the Daly interests, represented by S. M. Rogers, is in the city at the present time. Mr. Rogers has bonded the 16 claims for the sum of \$160,000, and in consequence a district of British Columbia, which was a hite-section of the contract of the c or British Columbia, which was fittle known before the present time as a mining centre, has come into prominence. The result will be that the country north of Asheroft will likely become one of the most important mining sections of the

most important mining sections of the province.

The group of properties are situated just off the Cariboo road, about 18 miles from Ashcroft. While living at Butte the attention of Mr. Hockins was called to the presence of rich showing of copper ope in that district, and he interested himself in it. He acquired a group of four claims, through which a magnificent lead can be traced, and has persistently carried on development work on the Anaconda mine ever since. A shaft has been sunk for a considerable distance, and systematic work has been prosecuted within the mine. The ore has shown up magnificently, and for some time past the Daly interests have been looking into the prospects. S. M. Rogers, the manager of the Nickel Plate property, has repeatedly visited the mine and made an inspection. The company has also sent other experts in. After full consideration they agreed upon the price of sent other experts in. After full consideration they agreed upon the price of \$160,000 for the 16 claims, which includes, in addition to the Anaconda and three adjoining properties, another group known as the River Mines, in which Stuart Henderson, M. P. P., is largely interested. There is a good showing on some of these latter properties.

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The lead on the Anaconda group can be traced for a long distance. It bears, Mr. Hockins says, a very close resemblance to the mines of Butte. This lead is about 68 feet wide. It is all mineralized, the values running from 1 to 35 per cent. of copper, and as high as 80 current in silver.

ounces in silver.

Mr. Rogers is expected to begin operations on the property very shortly. He will go right on with the work where Mr. Hockins left off, which speaks well for the capable way in which the latter carried on his mining at the Anaconda.

The interesting of the Daly corporation in the country about Asheroft promises well for the fuller-development of that part of the province. While the plans of the company have not been made public, it is believed by most of those who know anything of the conditions prevailing there, that reduction works will sooner or later have to be put in near the mines.

knowledge of everything connected with hydraulic mining. In addition to this he possesses the quality of being most painstaking and methodical in everything which is carried on about the works. In consequence of the care bestowed by him in the management of its affairs, Mr. Hobson is always in a position to tell exactly how the mine is being operated and the relative cost of every branch of the work carried on.

Just previous to leaving for the East Mr. Hobson in an interview gave some particulars respecting the season's operations and the prospects for the future. The season which promised so well in the early months of the year, on account of the heavy fall of snow, proved to be a short one. Lack of water, which, since about the year 1900, has militated against the company, shortened the run very considerably from that which was about 35 days in excess of what it was the year previous, but was little over half the number of days during which hydraulic operations were carried on in 1900.

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Following this deal will come a quickening of interest in the whole section.
There are other promising prospects, and
Mr. Hockins himself has other interests
to which he will devote his attention.
There are splendid showings of iron, in
addition to the other minerals. Mr. Hockins is of the opinion that the mining of
British Columbia is only begining. The
country has never been really prospected.

reservoir. The watersheds from which the lake derives its supply reaches altitudes of from 4,000 to 6,000 feet, so that snow lies on them until date into the summer. At the high water stage, from May 1st to July 1st, the flow averages 23,100 cubic feet a minute, which is equal to 15,400 miners' inches. This decreases gradually until at low water stage on into September there is a supply of 8,700 cubic feet per minute, which is equal 5,800 miners' inches. This decreases gradually until at low water stage on into September there is a supply of 8,700 miners' inches. This decreases gradually until at low water stage on into September there is a supply of 8,000 miners' inches for seven months in the year can be depended upon. He has carefully considered the cost of providing the means of delivering the water from this lake to Morehad Pooling reservoir, one of those now in use. Estimating on the means for delivering 2,500 miners' inches, Mr. Hobson places the cost at \$245,000. To do this 15 miles of canal would be required, which would cost \$8 a foot laid, making a total of \$20,000. To cross the south fork of the Quesmelle, river, \$,000 feet of 40-inch pipe would be utilized, which is estimated to cost \$10,000. bringing the total cost up to \$245,000. In order to supply 5,000 miners' inches that the supply should be doubled, making it \$490,000.

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Last season the snowfail during the winter exceeded that of the year previous by about 27 inches. Mr. Hobson, therefore, looked forward to a good run. It went off, however, under unfavorable conditions, and much was lost. During the summer the precipitation was not heavy. The showers were light and did little to increase the supply in the storage reservoirs. Another unfavorable condition of affairs was the bot dry winds which prevailed, and induced a very heavy evaporation.

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Mr. Hobson places the cost at \$245,000. The driver should be considered to start the product from year to year was proportionate to the precipitation and water available. In 1904 (last season) there was a precipitation of 24.39 inches, 225-138 miners' inches of water were used, allowing of 88 days 16 hours' run, and from 60,442 cubic yards of gravel. In 1902 there were 175,520 inches used, allowing of 65 days 15 hours' run, and from 60,442 cubic yards of gravel, \$61,395.19 was taken. In 1901d the company utilized the present dime, the quantity of gravel in the storage of gravel, \$61,395.19 was taken. In 1901d the company utilized was a precipitation of gravel, \$61,395.19 was taken. In 1901d the company utilized was a precipitation of gravel, \$61,395.19 was taken. In 1901d the company utilized was a precipitation of gravel, \$61,395.19 was taken. In 1901d the company utilized was a precipitation of gravel. In 1900, when 460,878 inches of water were used, the run was 171 days 13 hours and \$50.00 to the system of the substitute of the substitute of gravel. In 1900, when 460,878 inches of

A bill to prohibit juvenile cigarette smok-ing has passed its second reading in the South Australian legislature, and will prob-ably become law. The age below which smoking is prohibited is fixed at sixteen Other the supplying of 5,000 miners' inches is the scheme which meets with Mr. Hobson's approval, however, as the profits would be proportionately very much larger. With a supply of 5,000 miners' inches of water, instead of 2,500 inches, as at the present time, the quantity of gravel washed in a 200-day run would be about 6,245,000 cubic feet. The average yield is about 16.8 cents a cubic yard. The gross product would be \$1,049,140. The cost of operation is estimated at \$1,000 a day, making a total of \$200,000 for the senson. The profits would therefore be \$849,160.

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with the traditions of the service, as we

tie, inandwriting and orthography, English composition, precis writing, French, German, general intelligence, geography and history. These subjects are obligatory, and in addition, the optional subjects are any two of the following languages: Latin, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, Russian, Modern Greek and Arabic. The papers are not at all easy, and the examination is a sufficiently severe ordeal for a youth between 19 and 25; but supposing it successfully passed, the

to examination, but, unlike the rest of the public service, appointments in and under the foreign office are confined to what is known as "dimited" competition. That is to say, the mere passing of an examination is not all that is required of a candidate. He must, in fact, get a nomination before he can compete, and he must be of the stamp of man who is suitable for so peculiar and confidential a service. All foreigners are particular on points of etiquette and good manners, but more especially those who hold official rank, and hence it is obviously necessary that candidates for a diplomaners, but more especially those who hold official rank, and hence it is obviously necessary that candidates for a diplomatic career should be well-bred gentlemen, capable of holding their own with polished men of the world, brought up at punctilious and precedent-loving courts. Tact and savior-faire are, perliaps, more needed than brains now that the telegraph has enabled difficult questions to be settled in Downing street, for diplomacy is still an old-world science, and one for which a long appreticeship is needed.

It is only the fact that the United States have little or nothing to do with the first-rate powers that renders it possible for them to continue without a properly trained diplomatic service, but it is absolutely necessary that the staff of H. M. embassies should be imbued with the traditions of the service, as we ter refused to do this on his own responsibility in such a gale as prevailed. A
good location was consequently selected
in lee of the island shore, and here an
anchor was east without counting sufficiently on the tremendous pressure
which the wind would have against the
tall wall-like sides of the ship. As a result the anchor chain soon parted and
the steamer would have drifted but for
the vigilance of those on board. Two
more anchors were immediately lowered
and the vessel thereafter remained safe
until-her-departure.

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of her freight having been taken aboard at Tacoma. The most valuable portion of the carcy goes to Shanghai, the goods for this port alone being worth \$542,049. Then comes Kobe with \$305,005, and Liverpool is third, taking goods valued at \$132,347. The others follow: Yokohama, \$110,480: Hongkong, \$51,982: London, \$21,884: Singapore, \$18,045; Nagasaki, \$8,000: Manila, \$5,540: Freemantle, \$3,895: Penang, \$3,794: Hoilo, \$3,500: Adelaide, \$2,675; Foochow, \$2,500: Madras, \$2,200; Moji, \$2,000: Bombay, \$1,850; Rangoon, \$1,360: Colombo, \$1,185; Tientsin, \$750; Christchurch, \$345: Port Said, \$100; Chemulpo, \$95.

fest shows that this item alone foots up to \$418,835. Cotton is second, aggregating in value \$237,045, while canned salmon is third, amounting to \$175,885. Other staple shipments follow: Cigarettes and tobacco, \$115,135; leather, \$92,450; flour, \$81,340; machinery, \$29,-150; condensed milk, \$18,525; drugs and patent medicines, \$12,745; canned meats, \$9,125; salt fish, \$7,580; lumber, \$6,795; wire, bolts, spikes, etc., \$6,471; photograph materials, \$1,705; hops, \$650.



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where Mr. — was, and on being told that he was at church his lordship expressed some surprise, and was beginning to get indignant on the subject when he was stopped by Lady —, who said: "But you know, my dear, some people go to church on Sundays." The foreign secretary evidently felt that this was rather an awkward remark in the

clerks belonging to the department. In question, as well as one of the librarians, are in attendance on Sundays.

The secretary who sticks to the service may become secretary of legation or embassy, minister resident, envoy extraordinary, and minister plenipotentiary, and, finally, ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary. Those who reach the higher ranks are few, for posts are scarce, and a man needs good luck and influence as well as skill in handling delicate negotiations before he can get the chance of being entrusted with an embassy. The majority of those who enter the service never rise to these dazzling heights, for it must be understood that the diplomatic service differs in this respect from other services in that the foreign secretary can recommend any person, even though he is not in the diplomatic service, for the higher and more responsible posts in it; and that generally in regard to all promotions he is not restricted by claims founded on seniority or membership of the service in making any selection.

On the whole, diplomacy is more honorable than lucrative, and no consideration of money-making enters into it. But it has its compensations; an unquestioned position, as a rule plenty of society, and interesting work. The diplomatis sees men and cities, and acquires a wide knowledge of the world. He looks on at, and very frequently helps in, the making of history. As a young man he is shifted from one end of the earth to the other every two years, and acquires that experience of which he hopes to make the fullest use in his later middle age. For him the saddest time of life is old age; for the man who was for many years a principal figure at a foreign court retires on a pension to find his like-work unknown except to a few, and to be forgotten even by those iew after the lugse of half a dozen years.—T. P's Weekly.

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was rather an awkward remark in the circumstances, for he said no more, but went off to his own room. It frequently happens that when there is a crisis in Eastern or Far Eastern affairs the clerks belonging to the department in question, as well as one of the librarians, are in attendance on Sundays.

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Victoria, B. C., Dec. 2nd, 1904.

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Some of the Subjects-Those Successfu Yangtsze Sailed Yesterday With Big Cargo for Oriental Ports-Along Have to Serve Two Years in Probation. The Waterfront. Shortly after Jim Hills' big \$2,000,000 Like the rest of the civil service the

the Royal Roads on Thursday night she lost a 17,000-pound anchor and about 80 fathoms of chain. The incident happened this way: The ship came in round the Race when the wind was blowing its greatest velocity. Pilot Cox was at hand to meet the steamer off quarantine, and there appeared doubt as to where she was to be taken. Plans were arranged for her first to go to quarantine, and then to anchor at a point as convenient as possible to the to quarantine, and them to anchor at a point as convenient as possible to the outer wharf. The fierce wind spoiled all these arrangements and it became a question whether the ship should enter Esquimatt or remain in the Roads. Captain Truebridge wanted Pilot Cox to take the steamer into Esquimalt, but the latter referent to de this on his own responer refused to do this on his own respon-

with the traditions of the service, as we touch foreign nations, at every point, and all over the world. More desolating wars have been brought about by ill-manners—frequently deliberate, it is true—than any but close students of history are aware. The caudidate who is allowed to enter for a "limited" competition finds himself confronted by a pretty stiff examination. He has to pass in arithmetic, handwriting and orthography, English composition, precis writing, French, the water of the strains in the Roads.
It is probable, however, that both will be recovered. The chain attached to the Minnesota's anchor is one of the biggest ever moulded. Each link weighs 98-pounds.

YANGTSZE AWAY.

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Yesterday afternoon the big China
Mutual liner Yangtsze, after lying at the
outer wharf during the last few days, departed for points in the Orient, en route
to Europe. The vessel loaded here, as
previously announced, 400 tons of salted
salmon. She was deeply loaded, the bulk of her freight having been taken aboard

church, \$345; Port Said, \$100; Chemulpo, \$95.

In the matter of value, domestics and sheetings lead all other merchandise in the cargo of the big liner. The manifest shows that this item alone foots up

the examination is a sufficiently severe ordeal for a youth between 19 and 25; but supposing it successfully passed, the difficulties are by no means over.

The civil service commissioners having granted him a icertificate, the candidate becomes an attache, but for two years he is on probation, and draws no pay. During that time he must be employed for six months in the foreign office, and for a year at one of the embassies or missions abroad, or else in the foreign office for 18 months, and the probationary period is prolonged until he has fulfilled these conditions. Some there are who never get beyond this period of trial, and as it is impossible for the young diplomatist to live on his pay until he is well up among the second secretaries, it is absolutely necessary that he should be in possession of private means to the extent of at least three hundred pounds a year.

In the foreign office, the newcomers WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.

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Mr. H. A. Green and Mrs. H. A. Green, of Vancouver, are spending the Christmas holidays with Mrs. J. E. Elliott, 35 Alfred

J. H. Hawthornthwaite, M. P. P., is in the city. He is among those registered at the New England hotel.

Thos. S. Burley, of Tacoma, and F. S. Munro, of Vancouver, are guests at the New England.

Street. Capt. Truebridge was asked concerning these reports, and made no denial. He frankly stated that at times various members of the crew rebelled, and he had to put them in irons until they cooled down, also that on two or three occasions fire broke out in the bunkers, causing considerable trouble. "But," added Capt. Truebridge, "this is a new ship. Things like this are bound to happen. This whole ship is an experiment, and when the bunkers have been better insulated there will be no fires." Capt. Truebridge acknowledged that the coal caught fire through being foo close to the boilers, a fault which can, he says, be easily rectified. On one occasion while passing through the Tropics on the Pacific, the fire assumed serious dimensions, and before it could be extinguished that the firemen had to work to their knees in water. Thanks to an excellent fire fighting apparatus, however, the flames were quenched before leaving the bunkers. Bad fuel added to the firemer's difficulties and to the retarding of the passinge, that obtained at Coronel being for a quality that would flare up like gas when coming in contact with fire. This coal iasted no time in the furnaces. Capt. Truebridge thinks lightly of all the troubles of the voyage, many of which was the fire room so deluged that the firemen had to work to their knees in water. Thanks to an excellent fire fighting apparatus, however, the flames were quenched before leaving the bunkers. Bad fuel added to the firemer's difficulties and to the retarding of the passinge, that obtained at Coronel being for a quality that would flare up like gas when coming in contact with fire. This coal iasted no time in the furnaces.

OF SHIP ATTRACTING

The Minnesota's Troubles - Her Behavior as Seagoing Craft and Some Interesting Features.

With the arrival of the steamship Minnesota an important epoch in the commerce of the Pacific has been reached. The Times last evening gave some interesting facts and figures about this great leviathan in mercantile marine, but, owing to the lateness of the hour at which the tender Otter returned to port in the afternoon, some incidents in connection with the ship's arrival and of her voyage were omitted.

The day having been stormy, as was the preceding night when the ship dropped anchor in the Royal Roads, many Victorians, anxious to see the huge craft, were disappointed, comparatively few citizens being courageous enough to make any of the trips on the tender. As the Mainnesota refused to stir from her anchorage, the Otter had to make serveral runs from the outer wharf, conveying out to the liner the Chinese craw, which has here been domiciled for the last few weeks, awaiting the ship's arrival. These men halled with delight the end of their long confinement, and cheered lustily as a heay boarded the steamer in the Roads. They had been under the close surveillance of those show were responsible to the Dominion government to the tune of something like \$35,000 for their safe keeping, and were never permitted to leave the safe in which they were detained at the anter wharf.

These men once aboard, the Minnesota turned her curlous bow to the eastward, leaving for Seattle by 9 o'clock. It had been hoped by the citizens of that city that she would reach there in daylight, thus giving those swaiting her an apportunity of carrying out the elaborate celebration programme arranged for her reception. Five Seattle newapaper representatives were on hand to meet the ship and to describe her and report her movements, there being no such water front her and proportunity of carrying out the elaborate celebration programme arranged for her reception. Five Seattle newapaper representatives were on hand to meet the ship and to describe her and report her movements, there being no such water front her halp and to describe her an

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The Minnesota has been oft described, but reports of her voyage from San Francisco, of mutiny, fire, etc., aboard, had tended to excite an interest in the remaining part of the trip, and to cause a certain speculation on what might happen as the Minnesota neared her destination. CIRCULARS and sample distributors ed everywhere. No canvassing. pay. Co-Operative Adv. Co., N. Y.

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Capt. Truebridge thinks lightly of all the troubles of the voyage, many of which were due to an obstinate crew of foreigners, and he manifested a distinct pride in his ship. The Minnesota, he says, had a tate of bad weather coming north, but heavy seas made no very perceptible difference in the even motion of the ship. All aboard speak in admiration of this, and say that the worst she will do will lay over on her side a little. The speed of the ship on her trial run, was 17.4 knots per hour, equivalent to the best that can be done by any of the Oriental fleer, but this was not main tained rounding the Horn. No attempt was made to rush the steamer, and it is possible that her greatest feature of all is the great size of the steamer. Although the largest cearrier, the Minnesota, he send in the largest cearrier, the Minnesota, however, falls short of the length of the Baltic. But she will doubtless the Pacific for many years. She will, it is said, be full of cargo on her initial trip to the Orient and the Philippines, leaving the Sound next month, but which Capt. Truebridge probably alluding and seeing her now afloat, one is apt to form a misconception of her size in water, at least an impression of this cind is gathered by those not familiar to be accomplished.

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The Great Northern Steamship Company in operating the Minnesota successfully will demonstrate to the world the enormous potentialities of the Oriental trade, revealing to the eyes of many a field of speculation the most imaginative had not dreamed of.

LADNER NOTES.

(Special Correspondence of the Times.)
Ladner, Dec. 22.—The Westham Island football team gave a pleasant social dance on Friday, 16th instant, in Kirkland's hall, Westham Island.
Mrs. J. Mattheson entertained a company of young people on Friday, 16th instant, at her home.
T. E. and Mrs. Ladner will spend Christmas in Victoria.
Bert Arthur is seriously ill with pneumonia.

H. K. Wright, of the R. B. C., return ed on Monday.

A. W. Hyndman, of the Royal Bank of Canada, returned to Vancouver on Tues-

"What do you mean by talking about 'coppers' before me?" said Mr. Paul Taylor to a man in the dock at Southwark police court. "It is a gross impertinence to refer to the police as 'coppers' in a court of justice."

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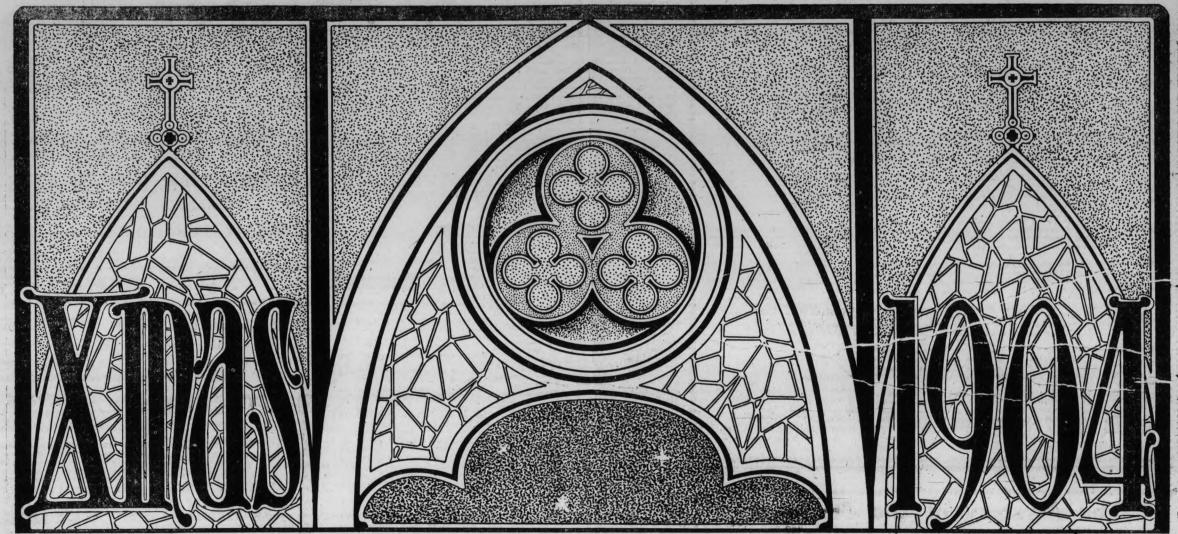
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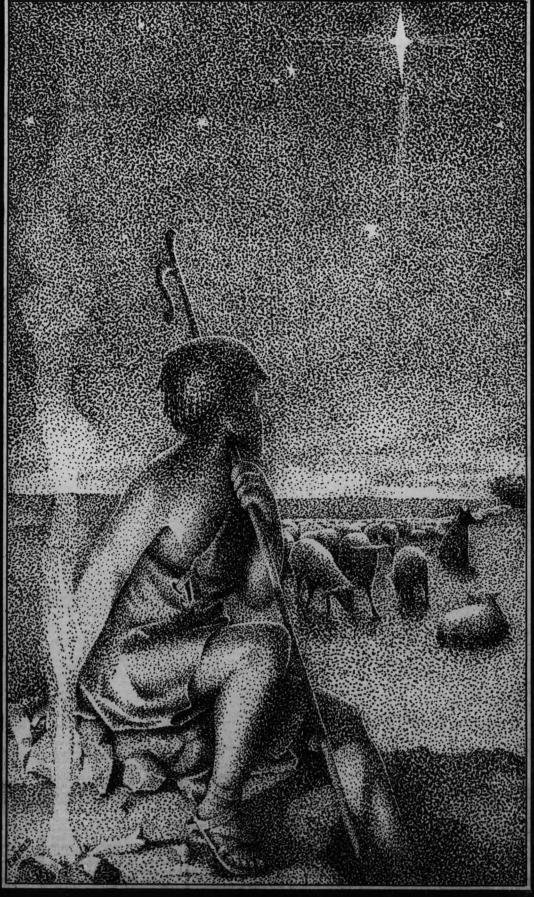
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Britons Beyond the Seas

A BALLAD.—BY HAROLD BEGBIE.

"Beyond the Seas, Within the Fold."

God made our bodies of all the dust that is scattered about the world, That we might wander in search of home wherever the seas are hurl'd; But our hearts He hath made of English dust, and mixed it with none bes That we might love with an endless love the land where our kings abide

And tho' we weave on a hundred shores, and spin on a thousand quays,
And tho' we are truant with all the winds, and gipsy with all the seas,
We are touched to tears, as the heart is touched by the sound of an ancient tune,
At the name of the isle in the Western seas with the rose on her breast of June.

And it's, O for a glimpse of England, and the buds that her garden yields,
The delicate scent where her hedges wind, and the shimmering green of her fields.
The roll of her downs and the lull of her streams, and the grace of her dew-drenched lawns,
And the calm of her shores where the waters wash rose-tinged with her thousand dawns.

And it's, O for a glimpse of London town, tho' it be thro' the fog and the rain, The loud-thronged streets and the glittering shops, the pageant of pomp and pa And it's, O for a sight, tho' it be in a dream, of the Briton's beacon and pride The cold, grey Abbey which guards our ghosts on Thames's sacred side.

But, lo, we have buried our fathers here, and here we have reared our sons, These are our Britains, and here the word of the British people runs: Wherefore the whole we call you Home, and dream of your gentle shises. We are rooted here by the smile of our babes and the pilgrim dust of our sires.

Out of the grave our fathers reach dead hands to hold us here,
And never we open the earth with tears but the land becomes more dear,—
Sweet with memory, brave with love, and proud with the hope a head
That our sons shall be stronger, our homes more fair, when we go down to the dead. Loved, you are loved, O England, and ever that love endures;

But we must have younger visions, and mightier dreams than yours; Cleaner Londons and wider fields, and a statelier bridge to span The gulf which severs the rich and poor in the brotherly ranks of Man.

Yet with the bolder vision, we cleave to you, look to you still,
That you gather our scattered toil and bind our strength in a single will;
That you build with us out of the coasts of the earth, a realm, a race, and a rede
That shall govern the peace of the world and serve the humblest State in her need.

Haply we are but fools in the Hand of a Power we do not know.

And not for ourselves we plough the waste, and not for ourselves we sow;

Yet by the vision that leads us on to the goal of a single State,

We are blest that our own great weal is woofed with strands of eternal Fate.

Come, let us walk together, we who must follow one gream,
Come, let us link our labors, and tell each other our dream;
Shakespeare's tongue for our counsels, and Nelson's heart for our task,—
Shakespeare's tongue for our counsels, and Nelson's heart for our task,—
Shail we not answer as one strong man to the things that the peoples ask?
—Harold Begbie in London Mail.

The Mystery of the Mermaid

Unravelled at a Christmas Party in Victoria

By C. Dell-Smith, the Author of Many a Yarn, Etc., Etc.

(Specially Written for the Times,)

"We'll have two passengers with us this trip, Mr. Connor. You have no particular aversion to petticoats aboard,

The speaker was Captain Tyre, of the barque Mermaid, and the party ad-dressed was the first officer of the good ship, lying at the Liverpool docks, taking on a general cargo consigned to San o, but with a goodly tonnage for

Francisco, but with a goodly tonnage for the Hudson's Bay Company at Victoria. "No, no, sir," replied Connor, who had seen a good deal of the world, and during his travels had lost the prefix to the name—a capital O. In the town of Passage, county Waterford, Ireland, his family were known for many generations as the O'Connors.

Captain Tyre was a fusty Englishman, and a man of very few words, but when he did speak it was a command.

when he did speak it was a command. He was careful in the selection of his crew, and somewhat proud of the fact that on this voyage he had all British subjects, with two—possibly one—exception. The cook was a darkey, but claimed Lordon as his highlyne, and one of tion. The cook was a darkey, but claimed London as his birthplace, and one of the men before the mest was an Italian—Orlando Viacava. The rest-were made up of Irish, English and Scotch—seaworthy and trustworthy old salts. "Two ladies, sir?" suggested Connor. "No," said the captain, "one lady, my wife; a boy, my son."

"Mo," said the captain," one had, higher wife; a boy, my son."
"Hope we'll have a pleasant voyage for their sakes, sir," said the mate.
Next day the captain's wife and son were brought on board and duly installed; the day after we were towed out of port, and setting sail faced the Atantic waves on what in those days was

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at least a new months voyage, for we had to go round the Horn and make the acquaintance of that misnomer, the Pacific, ere we reached our destination.

Mrs. Tyre was a tall, lanky personage, of a somewhat "bilious cast of countenance," as "Spud" Murphy (of whom more hereafter) described her, and had a crooked eye. The captain affectionately called her Mary. Young Tyre was a lad of about twelve years of age, and built on the maternal model. He was an only child, and a spoiled one. "Spud" Murphy nicknamed the youth "Rubber," contending that of such was the only acceptable tyre. "Rubber" had the unhappy faculty of poking his nose into everyone's business and carrying tales to his ma and his pa, which sometimes made things very disagreeable on board. Hence he did not establish himself as a favorite among the crew. The skipper called him Tony.

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"Spud" Murphy did not take kindly to the passengers. "Spud" was so called to distinguish him from another member of the crew who boasted of the enphonious name—Murphy. Then there were two Sams on board—the cook and a sailor. The one was called Jet-Sam (be was black enough for anything) and the other Flot-Sam. The Italian was nicknamed "Garkie"—in fact every member of the crew responded to a name which their godfathers or godmothers would never have recognized, and "Spud" was the proud sponsor in all instances. It is not necessary to introduce the reader to every member of the crew, the abovenamed only being those with whom our story brings us in contact.

For the first couple of weeks the Mermaid made good headway, before a strong sou west breeze, and all went well on board. We were then carrying every linch of sail we could put on. This was, however, too good to last, and an ominous friskiness among the clouds one morning told us to look out for squalls. Capt. Tyre took the hint and had his canyas reduced not an hour too soon. Oh, didn't it bloy! Didn't the Mermaid heade good headway, before a strong sou west breeze, and all went well on board. We were then carrying every linch of sail we could put on. This was, however, too good to last, and an ominous friskiness among the clouds one morning told us to look out for squalls. Capt. Tyre took the hint and had his canyas reduced not an hour too soon. Oh, didn't it bloy! Didn't the Mermaid heade good headway, before a strong sou west breeze, and all went well on board. We were then carrying every linch of sail we could put on. This was, however, too good to last, and an ominous friskiness among the clouds one morning told us to look out for squalls. Choracter in the sail of the property of the crew with the men, while his mother was barely treated with common courtes, when we were allowed to mingle with the men, while his mother was barely treated with common courtes, when we were allowed to mingle with the men

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"Mary is not looking herself to-day," remarked "Spud" to the other Murphy as the skipper's wife held on to the rail ings of the poop.

"The poor woman's sick," said the second son of the Emerald Isle. "But I have not seen Rubber on deck for a couple of weeks. Where's he?"

"Rubber's stretching down in his bunk," suggested Spud. "The Lor' knows neither of them Tyres can stand a strain."

The "Tuber," as Murphy No. 2 was known as, smiled at Spud's joke as Connor O, or O'Connor, politely tendered his services to the pale-faced lady en route to the cabin.

Evidently the skipper's wife had over Evidently the skipper's wife had overheard the conversation between the Murphys; nor did she at all appreciate the allusion to "Rubber" or the "Tyres." As a matter of fact, she vowed vengeance on the Irish. She would talk civilly to any member of the crew but the Murphys. Spud "caught on," but only made fun of it. He was the life of the crew when we met for ard of an evening, always having a good story to tell, a joke to crack, or an impromptu song to sing. His parodles on Mary and her little lamb were a source of endless amusement.

One night when all hands below ap-peared in a merry mood, Spud rattled off a few "Merry Marys" as he named them:

Mary had a little son,
They used to call him Rubber,
And every cross look Mary gave
The lad was sure to blubber.

All hands joined in the chorus, as Spud called it-repeating the last two lines which they did in no suppressed tones.

Mary a sensation had, Right underneath her vest, And every time the Mermaid rolled Poor Mary heaved her best.

Poor Mary heaved her best.

Mary had a little corn .
On her little toe,
And everywhere that Mary went The corn was sure to go. Chorus.

With which she used to tussle, One day she pulled off all its wool And put it in her bussel.

tedium was the rule, day in and day out, and then came the first sensation of

One bright moonlight night-not a One bright mooninght might—not a spec on the horizon to indicate life above the rolling waters into which the Mermaid dipped and rose again with monotonous precision—the man at the wheel was heard to whistle a shrill note of alarm. The man was "Tuber" Murphy, one of the stoutest hearts aboard. Mr. Connor was on the bridge and phy, one of the stoutest hearts aboard.

Mr. Connor was on the bridge and promptly responded, as did also the other deck hands. When they reached "Tuber" they found him in a terrible state of agitation, trembling from head to foot.

"Did YOU see anything sir?" asked the wheelsman, in a voice that denoted some well-grounded fear.

"I did," was the calm rouls, "but not

"I did," was the calm reply, "but not a word about it, Murphy. We may both have been mistaken."

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The other men were now on the spot, and among them "Garlic," the Italian. The son of the sunny south was as pale as what he said he had seen—a ghost. The other men on the watch had not observed the apparition, not occupying, good vantage ground. "Garlic" rattled off the calendar of saints in supplication or invocation. It was done in his native tongue, so that the others did not quite understand the sudden fit of eloquence. "What did you see, Murphy?" asked Mr. Connor.

"A ghost, sir," came the ready reply. "It showed up on deck as if it dropped from the yardarins. It prowled about in front of the galley, in the shadow of the bridge, and then went aft. I lost sight of it as it was making for the cabin

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"The devil a know I know, sir. But, Mr. Connor, I was never aboard a haunted ship before, and I wish we were nearer port. Do you know, I never liked the name of this ship. There's something unnatural about a Mermaid."

While yet the men spoke the ghost again apepared and as suddenly vanished, how, they were too fear-stricken to say. Mr. Connor was the only one who remained cool, and feeling his hip pocket to make sure his revolver was at hand, declared he would investigate. Murphy pleaded hard not to be left alone at the wheel, and "Garlic" was ordered to stand by with him. The first officer brought one of the men with him and searched every likely ghostly hiding place on the ship, but, of course, without locating his object. Ere he was through his tour of investigation the bell rang, and the next watch came on duty to the great relief of "Tuber" and "Garlic."

Now, sailors are naturally superstitious and the crew of the Mermaid was no exception to the rule. It did not take long to circulate the ghost story, the truth of which was substantially verified by Mr. Connor, who had seen the uncanny thing. Next morning that gentleman reported to Capt. Tyre, and knowing the feeling of the men, suggested that it would be well to keep a close lookout, as they would abandon the vessel on the first opportunity. There was a regular reign of terror on board, although none would confess that they were in any way afraid or superstitious. The skipper appeared most philosophical of all. He paweitcally poo-poched the ghost story, despite Mr. Connor's positive assertion that he had seen "something unusual in his experience as a sailor—and that on board the eMrunid."

Matters were not improved by a convessation which Jet-Sam reported as having overheard between the captain and his wife. "I heard de cap, say," said Sam, "dat de family shoct was on deck de odder night an' dat de sailors was awful 'feerd. Be ca'ful, Mary, says he, ob fam'ly secrets, an' see they donnt

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in Spud Murphy after one of Jet's stories. "What color are your ghosts, anyway?"

"Da'k, sah," was Jet's reply.

"And what clothes do they wear?" asked Spud.

"Da'k, sah," answered Jet.

"Then, by all that's lovely (and that's myself)," said Spud, "I'd rather the Irish style, where a ghost appears in clean, white clothes direct from the angelic laundry."

The crew was cautioned by Mr. Conmor to say nothing about the ghost to Mrs. Tyre or Tony, and to their credit be it said that they always, avoided the subject in the presence of the hady or her son. However, there wers future developments along this line. Since the advent of the ghost, the men had gone on watch armed to the teeth, and resolved to bang at the first suspicious form appearing on the scene. So generally was this practice in vogue, that they feared they might shoot one another in mistake, and to avoid this dire possibility adopted a password which each man was to give naid receive—or fire. The word was "cabbage." The reader can readily guess the quarter from whence the pass emanuted. It soon became a joke on board, so that no two men would pass without exchanging the word. So general did it become that even "Rubber" stretched to ft, and did not surprise Jet-Sam when he called "cabbage" at breakfast, as the cook passed by, to the horror of his adorable parents, Capt. Tyre himself had occasion to adopt the password before the voyage was at an end—and with the designed effect,

We were after experiencing some very We were after experiencing some very rough weather, when that proverbial calm which followed a storm set in, enabling Tony and his mother to again appear on deck. The unanimous opinion was that if they were taking the trip for the benefit of their health they had mis-calculated the cracked-up advantages of calculated the cracked-up advantages of a long sea voyage. Mrs. Tyre was reduced to a skeleton, while Tony did not put up any more flesh or muscle than he had at the start—and that was precious little. Some of the men said that 'the lady and her son must have heard the ghost story. That accounted for their emaciated appearance. Only one ghost had been seen, however, and that ghost had abandoned the Mermaid or was not conduct your

on duty now.

Fears were beginning to abate, when one night, with the captain himself on the bridge, the ghost again made an appearance. In this instance, too, the man at the wheel was the first to notice the at the wheel was the first to holde the apparition. It was natural that he should, from the build of the ship and the evident partiality of the ghost for that particular quarter where he first showed up. "Its" movements were unkept close to the structure, but when it moved a little aft the man above would have a view. As the ghost walked towards the sterm the bos'un noticed a second figure in white-ghost No. 2—approach and seize ghost No. 1 by the snoulder and gently lead him back. At this juncture the man at the wheel presented his gun and shouted the accepted password. No answer coming he fired, and missing his shot, fired again. The balls lodged in the framework of the deck house some inches uside from the direct line of the ghosts. A third time he took unsteady aim, and was about to pull the trigger when the stentorian voice of the captain thundered "cabbage!" The gun was lowered.

In the momentary confusion which ensued on deck, the ghosts disappeared. But it was only momentary, for soon every man on hond was on hand, all clamoring to know what the shooting was about. Even Mrs. Tyre put her head out of her berth window and inquired if anybody had been shot.

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staliwart men visibly tremoled as the details of the little episode were narrated. Spud Murphy was the only one who seemed to make light of it, even venturing one of his "merry Marys" by way of a soothing syrup:

Mary had a funny way
Of walking in the night,
And every time she went abroad
The crew they took to fright.

Mary has a spirit, too,
Oh, hold it, Mary, dear,
Until we get to port again,
And then you'll have a bier.

It was noticeable, however, that the rest of the crew did not join in the refrain with the same gusto as of yore. For the remainder of the voyage the tension was painfully severe, so that when the Golden Gate was sighted a sigh of relief was heaved from every breast. No sooner had we landed in San Francisco than every man demanded to Francisco than every man demanded to be paid off. Capt. Tyre tried to hold on to his crew until Victoria was reached; but without effect. All vowed they would not spend another day on board the haunted Mermaid, and they were as good as their word. What became of the crew as a whole no individual member seemed to know. The good ship was five months out from Liverpool.

Victorians whose memory will carry them back some twenty-five years will remember the old paddle boat Dakota, which used to ply between Victoria and San. Francisco in those days. She steamed into Esquimalt harbor oa her usual trip about the middle of December of the year of our story, and among her passengers was Mr. Contor, former mats of the barque Mermaid. There was no ome out to meet him particularly, but the old salt know the ropes, having been in Victoria before, and had no difficulty in navigating his way to town.

The Occidental hotel was running in those days, and it was here Comor put up. In his inside pocket he carried a letter to a Mrs. ——, let us call her Traves, who lived in one of those frame houses which then stood at the upper end of View street, in the vicinity of Chris. Church cathedral. The epistle wis from Mrs. Tyre, and set forth that the writer and her som Tony would leave Scattle on a given date, on the Eliza Anderson, one of the North Pacific Company's boats, and spend the Christmas with Mrs. Traves.

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The letter was duly delivered the following day, and proved an agreeable surprise to the recipient, who was an old schoolmate of Mrs. Tyre. They had not met for many, many years, not since Mrs. Traves herself had sailed over the same course—an ever-memorable six months' voyage. It may be taken for granted that the old lady was pleased to meet Mr. Comor, if only to hear from him all about the trip and her dear friend. Mr. Comor cheerfully accepted an invitation to tea with the Traves family that evening. Besides the old lady there were two sons and a daughter, all well out of their 'teems, and as sociable a trio as ever entertained as

friend. The young people had accepted an invitation to a dance, given by a friend over in James Bay, that evening, and were profuse in their apologies for having to part company at an earlier hour than they would desire. Their guest proved very entertaining, as he described the different parts of the world he had visited during his long scafaring career, the peculiar people he had met with, and the many adventures in which he had mken a part.

captain?" asked John Traves. He would persist in calling his guest captain.
"I shall never forget it as long as I live," replied Mr. Connor. "It was, without exception, the most miserable voyage I have ever made."
"Poor Mary Tyre," exclaimed Mrs. Traves, chasping her hands and rolling her eyes skywards.
"Rough weather?" suggested the dyughter of the house.
"Worse than that," said Mr. Connor.
"Mutiny or sickness on board?" This from Tom Traves.
"Not exactly," said Mr. Connor. "The fact was that we had two of the most disagreeable passengers on the Mermald that I ever met as long as I have been sailing."

"Oh!" The exclamation was the old lady's. "I thought you told me that your only passengers were Mrs. Tyre and her child. Mary Tyre must have changed wonderfully if she has turned out to be wonderfully if she has turned out to be the most disagreeable passenger you ever travelled with, Mr. Connor."
"But there were two others," continued the visitor, "and they were the cause of the trouble."
"Who were the troublesome pair?" asked the old lady.
"No one knows. There's where the trouble came in." This explanation did not arrest to satisfy.

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"Ladies or gentlemen?" queried Miss

Traves.
"Neither; at least I can't say, but they were the most troublesome couple I ever encountered."

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Matters were becoming more mystified as the examination continued.
"Did you take them on at Liverpool, or where?" asked Tom Traves.
"Nobody knows," was the curt retort of the man under cross-fire.
"What was their names?" asked Miss

Traves.

"They did not give any name," was the reply.

"Foreigners, I suppose," suggested the young lady. "What was their destination?"

"The Lord only knows, miss, but I "The Lord only knows, miss, our I hope I'll never meet them again."

Mr. Connor was evidently getting "cornered," and Miss Traves appeared the only one present to realize the position. She ventured to suggest that people coming from the old world to the new world often consider with them, their neculiars. ing from the old world to the new world, often carnied with them their peculiar traits of character. The Occidentals, the lady contended, were only beginning to comprehend the ways of the Oriental. She had been reading recently a very interesting magazine entitled Borderland, and treating on such subjects as telepathy, clairvoyance, crystal gazing, accounting weights. tecepathy, clarryoganee, crystal gazing, automatic writing, etc. Perhaps a study of Borderland would help to explain the movements of these mysterious people on board the Mermaid.

"Cia," chimed in Tom Traves, "the study of Borderland will set you crazy

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A few brief moments of silence, and Tom Traves reverted to the mystery of the Merunaid by asking if there was no-body on board with sense enough to question the peculiar couple and find out something about them—where they had come from, where they were going, or what was their mission.

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Mr. Connor tried to explain that such an opportunity did not present itself. The "parties" only appeared twice during the whole voyage, although some of the sailors claimed to have seen them oftener and meany all the men said they heard very peculiar noises on board. "Then they were ghests," said John Trayes.

"That's—what—I—say," drawled out Mr. Comor.

An interval of dead silence followed, during which the ladies were visibly agitated, while the two young men smiled a smile—a cross between humor and sarcasm. Mr. Connor looked ill at ease.

Just here the big clock in the hall struck nine. The young people declared it was time to start for the party, and left the room with apologies to their visitor. Mrs. Traves followed shortly afterwards, excusing herself for "just one minute." but having abstracted a promise from the old sailor that he would stay with her until "the children came back." What really did occur when Mrs. Traves went upstairs was this. She tried to induce her daughter and at least one of the boys to forego their engagement and remain at home that night. In this, however, she was unsuccessful, but, truth to say, she did not plead very hard. Tom teminded her that she had very good company in the nice old geutleman down stairs and that they would not feel the Just here the big clock in the hall struck nine. The young people declared it was time to start for the party, and left the room with apologies to their visitor. Mrs. Traves followed shortly afterwards, excusing herself for "just one minute," but having abstracted a promise from the old sailor that he would stay with her until "the children came back." What really did occur when Mrs. Traves went upstairs was this. She tried to induce ther daughter and at least one of the boys to forego their engagement and remain at home that night. In this, however, she was unsuccessful, but, truth to say, she did not plead very hard. Tom teminded her that she had very good company in the nice old gentleman down stairs and that they would not feel the time pass telling ghost stories.

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leaving mother and Mr. Connor to entertain themselves. Another half scuttle of coals in the open grate, a slight twist of the screw of the lamp shooting the wick and flame upward, and the room began to look its cosiest.

The first to open the conversation was Mrs. Traves. She hoped her old friend, Mrs. Tyre, or the child had not seen these horrible appearitions or heard of them.

"I am glad you broached the subject," said Mr. Connor, "as I was about to caution you not to say a word about it to them. I am in hopes they have not heard of it, although on the last occasion the ghosts appeared on deck they were fired at, and I know that Mrs. Tyre heard the shooting."

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"Oh, I am so glad," rejoined Mrs. T.
"And did you really shoot the ghosts?"

"Well, we fired at something, but shot nothing," explained the other.

"What is your theory of these ghost phenomena, Mr. Connor" queried the lady.

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The old sailor had to confess that he had no theory to advance on the subject. These were the first ghosts he had ever seen, and he would scarcely believe his own eyes were it not for the fact that others had seen the visitors at precisely the same time and under like circumstances. "I am by no means superstitious," he added, "but seeing is believing, and I saw what I say I saw."

He here recited the particulars as given in the earlier part of our story, and during the recital his lone auditor manifested a very keen interest. As a matter of fact, Mrs. Traves rather relished a story with a touch of the mysterious in it. She was a great believer in dreams and the scientific interpretation thereof. She could toss a cup or tell a fortune on well defined principles with a deck of cards, attached great significance to the whining of a dog between midnight and cock-crow; could trace the palm of one's hand, and was accomplished in several other branches of the occult art which are mystifying to the uninitiated.

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of Mr. Connor.
Yes, he believed that everybody was
a dreamer, but that was as far as he

would go. "The night after I saw that thing on board the Mermaid, I dreamt I saw it again under entirely different conditions. But, remember, it was the night after, not the night before."

"That sometimes happens," confessed first. Ti, and, conditioning: "My dear old friend, Mrs. Kenuy, who lives just down the row, had been confined to her bed for some morths prior to her death. One night she dreamt that the undertaker is man came to her door with a hearse. Shortly after, the undertaker is men came to her door with a hearse. Shortly after, the undertaker is men came to be door with a hearse. Shortly after, the undertaker is men came to be here until Tharsday next. It was poculated has scheme to down to the boar with his mother, and at the last moment jump ashore, "leaving me on the following Thursday the same man and the same undertaker removed the mortal remains of Mrs. W. to their long, last resting place."

Mr. Connor had to confess that this story put a new complexion on dreams, as far as he was concerned.

"Another," said his hostess, leaning floward and observing the nervous twitching of the facial muscles. "My husband died 'way up in Carliboo on the day following Christmas. He was one of those edsied with the gold fever during the excitement of those days. I dream! Christmas morning that I was attending service in the choir) and ell joined in sing, was announced. I occupied a front seat (my boys, whom you have met to-night, were in the choir) and ell joined in sing, was announced. I occupied a front seat (my boys, whom you have met to-night, were in the choir) and ell joined in sing, was announced. I occupied a front seat (my boys, whom you have met to-night, were in the choir) and ell joined in sing, was announced. I occupied a front seat (my boys, whom you have met to-night, were in the choir) and ell joined in sing, was announced. I occupied a front seat (my boys, whom you have met to-night, were in the choir) and ell joined in sing, was announced. I occupied a front seat (my boys, whom you have met

The individual addressed was evidently becoming infatuated with the reality of an intelligent dreamland. Yet he was of an intelligent dreamland. Yet he was no dreamer, from the practical point of view. He had dream and dreamed and

manded.

"No," said the old lady. "I have heard of them, but never saw one—and never will."

"I have, and you will believe me when I say so. I have heard of haunted ships and sneered at the stories, but I will never do so again. There are such things as ghosts, for I have seen them with mine own eye."

The earnestness of the man caused the lady to tremble.

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The big hall clock struck twelve, and a moaning, howling wind without, blew open the back door, carrying in its onward flight a picture, "Defying the Storm," from its place in the hall. Crash! Barng! down came the work of art and all its companions, including the hall lamp—which, fortunately, had not been lighted. The noise was terrific, Seizing the parlor luminant, Mrs. Traves hurriedly made for the door, and succeeded in making her way (presumably) to about the end of the hallway, intending to close the back door. Some white clothes on the line were flouted in her face and also at the lamp chimney, with the effect that the gimmer went out and its holder caved in. In the excitement of the moment Mrs. Traves (to put it mildly) fairly screamed. Mr. Connor, unacquainted with the architectural arrangements of the house, made a blied dart for the immediate scene of active operations, as indicated by the shrill voice of his crstwhile companion, who by this time had fairly swooned, and unformately, under a little stairway that led to the upper story.

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Just at this moment a hack drove up and the two Traves boys and their sister hurriedly alighted, the prevailing storm adding celerity to their movements. They entered a house of darkness.

"Where is mother? Where is poor mother?" shricked Miss Traves.

The boys were inclined to issue a sinitar cry, but Tom, who could lay his hand upon everything in the house, moped his way to a secluded corner and approduced a lantern. By the light of this modern utility it did not take him long to locate his mother and that guilty-looking man bending over her, all uncon-

invitation, and was given a shake-down on the parlor sofa—with apologies to the mahufacturers of the Ostermoor mat-

on the parlor sofa—with apologies to the manufacturers of the Ostermoor mattress.

Did he sleep? Did any member of the household sleep? Not much. Mrs. Traves had to be assisted to her room, and all night the members of the family—tired out after the dance—kept watch over her in turn. Poor Connor had scarcely been snugly enscenced in his improvised bed than a knock came to the front door. He was the only soul on the ground floor, and considered that under the circumstances he was bound to answer the call. He did so. It was a messenger boy with a telegram from Seattle, which read:

"will arrive in Victoria to-night." It was from Mrs. Tyre. The message seemed to revive the old lady upstairs, who was around bright and early next morning preparing for the arrival of her guests. Mr. Comor was induced to prolong his visit during Mrs. Tyre's stay, and a spare room was fixed up specially for him.

The day was spent in active preparations, so that by the hour scheduled for the arrival of the paddle boat Eliza Anderson all was in readiness. Mrs. Traves and Tom went down to meet their guests. Mrs. Tyre and Tony duly arrived, and were accorded a hearty welcome at the Traves homestead.

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A merry party assembled around the hearth that night, The two elderly ladies were talking about their girlhood days in Wales, the land of the leek; Miss Traves devoted all her time to Tony—cruxy, cantankerous Tony—while "the boys" and Mr. Connor annused themselves with the chess board. When the party broke up Mrs. Tyre and Tony, by request, were assigned the one room. It was now Christmas week and the few stores which the Victoria of that day boasted of put forth a special effort to the holiday trade. Miss Traves seemed to spend all her pocket money, supplemented by a liberal contribution from Mr. Connor, on Tony; and hence managed to win the temporary esteem of that spoiled child.

Next day Mrs. Tyre received a telegram from the captain summoning her

up the stairway than the younger of the two fell back with a surprised shrick, while the elder stood transfixed and trembling. The three men jumped to the rescue, and in a glance took in the situa-

rescue, and in a glance took in the situation.

Leisurely coming down the steps was a form shrouded in white, which their frightened vision magnified into an enormity. Tom Traves became motionless, but his brother managed to maintain his reason, as did also, fortunately, Mr. Connor. The latter, addressing the former, said, "Take my revolver, but don't shoot except this thing attempts to escape. I think it's Tony, or Tony's ghost. I'll go up to his room, and if he is not there I'll whistle—and then let her go; but for heaven's sake don't shoot until you hear from me—that is unless this thing shows signs of a vanish."

By this time the thing in white had descended the stairs, and Mr. Connor gallantly passed it on his way to the room assigned to Tony and his mother. The bed was empty! He rushed down as the ghost was turning the lock of the force does and as Tom was about to null

front door and as Tom was about to puil
the fatal thiggeer, and shouted, "Don't!"
But Tom did, but fortunately missed his
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Tyre unexpectedly arrived in Victoria, and fully explained the whole phenomenon. "Poor Tony was given to walking in his sleep, but my desire was to keep that fact from him, in the hope that he would grow out of it."

"Then that fully explains the Mystery of the Mermaid," said Mr. Connor.

"Yes," added Mrs. Tyre. "I was the second figure that appeared on deck the night the shots were fired, and my object was to lead the sleeper back to his bunk. I was foolish not to have told it before. This is the third time my dear child has been unknowingly under fire."

When the Christmas bells rang their memy peal that Christmas morning there was not any household in Victoria that more fully enjoyed their music than the house of Trave. "The Mystery of the Mermaid" had been unravelled.

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A newspaperman is supposed to be annazed at nothing. If, in the middle of his Christmas dinner he were to receive the tidings that half the world had been swallowed into an awful void his digestive establishment would continue to do business at the old stand and he would at once form in his mind an elaborate plan for the display of the amouncement in a glaring "double-headed front pager," with the same enthusiasm and professional zeal that he would chronicle a less astounding amouncement. The man who passes his life amid a continuous whirl of excitement is never astonished, even if he, himself, is drawn into the vortex.

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That is why I was not startled when, on the third Friday after accepting the extraordinary offer of Charon, the reverie into which I was wont to fall while awaiting my visitors was interrupted by—not one, but two shadowy strangers. I confess I did not expect to participate in a three-cornered conference with distinguished arrivals from Elysium, for I interpreted the terms of my agreement as stipulating that the illustrious shades would visit me one by one. This had been my lot up to that time, as those who have followed my interviews with Napoleon and Demosthenes are aware, but as I had entered into the spirit of the enterprise with so much excitement and but as I had entered into due spirit, or are enterprise with so much excitement and interest I was not disposed to kick over the traces. I knew that I was about to meet two strangers, before they entered; I could hear their voices in a dialogue just outside the door, and was able to establish their identity by the names they

establish their identity by the names they applied to each other.

"I'm sure this is the place, Walter," I heard a decisive, clear, but not altogether musical feminine voice say. "Charon's wire wasn't very explicit, but it stated that the office was at the head of the first flight of stairs. We'll pass through this wall, anyway."

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"Just as you say, Elizabeth; you always did have your way, as Essex remarked just before his head went into the basket," was the reply in submissive, but manly tones, as the pair passed into my view, the hady leading.

And they were a stately couple indeed. There were never two finer stars in their respective firmaments than Queen Elizabeth and her noble courtier, Sir Walter Raleigh. It was unnecessary, indeed, for them to submit their credentials for my inspection, for Christendom has presented but two of their kind for the contemplation and edification of posterity. And right here I will admit that whatever inaccuracies can be charged to hisand right here I will admit that what-ever inaccuracies can be charged to his-tory with reference to this illustrious pair, they have not been caricatured, and I would have known them at a glance

Union Club. They call him the Rhodesian."

"Yes," chimed in the knight. "He's dreadfully exclusive. Chums with fellows like Clive, Warren Hastings, Columbus, Champlain and that sort, don't you know. I can't make him out; he's always daoong the map of South Africa with red paint."

"Will you be scated, Sir Walter?" I asked, offering the courtier a chair. No, thanks," he replied, sunnily. "I would rather stand and smoke," and he drew from his pocket the shade of a pipe, which he filled with tobacco from a capacious pouch. "You don't get this tobacco, nowadays," he pursued, expelling smoke from his mouth like the outpouring from the Crofton smelter stack. "This is the real article, the only original stuff I brought to the Old Counpair, they have not been caricacured, and I would have known them at a glance among ten millions.

Elizabeth to me appeared stately and majestic. Her face was oblong but fair, her cyces small but black and pleasant. Her nose was a trifle hooked, and her lips narrow. Her hands were slender and her fingers long, a fact that she advertised to no little extent during her conversation with me. She wore pearlis with rich drops, in her ears, while on her head was a false red wig. She had a small crown of which she seemed rightfully proud. Her dress was of white silk and was bordered with pearls as large as beans. Instead of the famous ruff, which I afterwards learned was stoken by Professor Moriarty, a short time ago, she wore a callar of gold and jewels. Under her arm she carried the shade of a small Spanish terrier, a present from King Philip of Spain, before the Armada expedition. The apparel worn by this canine was alone gorgeous enough to stock my entire wardrobe for ten years if it were transmuted into coin of the realm.

Sir Walter Rakeigh, on first sight, was plainly the courtier of his pictures. He was distinguished by that graceful curriage and winning manner which won the frigid heart of Engeand's brilliant ruler in the days of her earthly glory. The smilling eyes, genial expression, flaxen beard, so familiar to shose of us who have seen his portraists, were there, while he wore the rich apparel—sike doublet, breeches and hose—that only a man of his birth was able to order without getting into the small debts court. A poignard brung loosely at his girdle, while the imposing picture his appearance presented was crowned by the feathered cap which was the custom with courtiers of the Elizabethan era.

I had arisen when the sound of voices first reached me, so that when they entered the apartnent I was prepared for my courtliest bow, an anatomical disturbance I had copied from a celebrated Chinese diplomat who had recently visited this place.

"Ha, ha, he does that pretty well, doesn't he."

ful in his day."

"Oh, I don't know," Sir Walter remarked, airily. "I named a state after you; it was called Virginia, and a pretty good one it is, despite its name."

"Wretch!" broke in the enraged Queen.

"And thou saidst that on earth I'd have had thy head."

there was the Duke of Anjou, a Frenchmen. I didn't want him, but Leicester got horribly jealous of him. Then, of course, there was Leicester, there was Phil Sidney, there was the Earl of Essex, poor, misguided boy, and lastly and leastly, my good friend Raleigh, here."
"There's nothing like being in the swim," quoth Sir Walter, blithely.
"But I thought too much of my country," calmly continued the Queen, ignoring the interruption. "I couldn't marry them all, and prized them/as friends too much to pain one by choosing another. I had to remove Essex's headpiece, but he drove me to it," keep us out of the Union Club of Elysium, but one night Delilah, Lucretia Borgia, Semiramis, Dido, Zenobia, Boadicea, Helen of Troy, Cleopatra and myself, went in a body and demanded admirgance. A stormy few hours followed our arrival there, I can assure you. Samson, Marc Antony, Henry the Eighth, my father, mind you, Socrates, Solomon, and Brigham Young wanted us excluded. Raleigh, Essex, Lord Byron, Bobbie Burns and Louis the Fourteenth were our champions, while ffirty-hearted Napoleon, Caesar and Alexander were indifferent. The meanest man in the batch was Brigham Young, who said he had all he wanted of our sex in Utah, and that if we were admitted he would resign. Well, a compromise was effected by the organization of an association for fadies, affiliated to the Union Club, don't you know, and as we are interested in the crusade for the correction of historical inaccuracies we are determined to have our say."

"I shall be only too happy to speak for you, your Majesty." I volunteered, with my best double shuffle, "but I must protest against a visit from Lucretia Borgia. Much as I would like to mingle among the pleasant company of Elysium. I would prefer to keep my candle alight until it is legitimately snuffed out."

"Poor Lucretia, Elizabeth responded, feelingly. "She isn't so bad as she is painted. I know she never deliberately poisoned anyone in her ife, but she was so unfucky with her salads and mince piek. Somebody had to be inconsiderate enough to die in fearful agony every time she prepared the culinary delights at a Borgia banquet. I can assure you—"

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"By Jove, Elizabeth, look here!" broke in Sir Walter, who, during my conversation with the Queen had been curiously inspecting the gallery of notables on the walt. "This face is familiar," pointing to a picture of Cecil Rhodes.
"Why, yes," she exclaimed; "it's the new arrival who recently joined the Union Club. They call him the Rhodesian."

the Queen wore a puzzled expression on her face.

"What's the matter?" she inquired, innocently and sweetly. "Subject to apoplexy?"

"Oh, no," I answered. "I merely remembered that my life insurance policy was about due; that's all, that's all."

"I thought it was something serious," she replied with apparent relief. "As I was saying, Raleigh did nothing wonderful in his day."

"Oh I don't know." Sir Walter re-

he drove me to it; he drove me to it,"
she wailed, wiping away the shades of
two tears from her cheek. The terrier
wept in sympathy.
"How about that cloak incident?" I
asked, feeling!y.
"What cloak incident?" she inquired.
"Why," I replied, "that little affair on
the street when you walked across a
mud puddle on Sir Walter Raleigh's
cloak."
"Where," whistled Raleigh, "have they

"Whew!" whistled Raleigh, "have the got that down in their precious narra-tives?" Elizabeth was on the verge of hysterics and was fiercely manipulating her smelling salts.

She wasn't disconcerted for long, however. She was too self-possessed for that, and quickly burst out with "What nonsense! What silly rot! Does anybody believe that? Do the people imagine that Raleigh wore a suspension bridge about his form? That his pockets were full of poutcons? I happened to be on horseback at the time that incident is said to have occurred, and Raleigh, who had been out all might, offered to throw his cloak in the mud if I would walk on it. I told him to go home and take an ice and some bromo—that's what I said, didn't I, Sir Walter?" She wasn't disconcerted for long, h

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"I believe you made some such remark," responded her companion, sheepishly.

"Will you explain your quarrel with Mary Stuart?" I asked, tentatively.

"No, I won't," she replied, snappishly.

"Mary will be along, fierself, one of these days and let her tell you. I scorn to hang our family linen on a public clothes line. If I hadn't added Mary's head to my collection she would have had mine on her place gatepost. But don't you think we had better move?" she asked, turning to her courtier. "I want to drop into Spencer's and have a look at their latest millinery. I would like to compare it with some of mine."

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"Oh, never mind," he replied; "some other time. Besides, Bess has told you enough about me, I trow."

"But whiat I wanted to ask, Sir Walter, was how does it feel to have your head cut off." I pursued, anxiously following the couple to the door.

"Go down to Taylor's mill and try it yourself. I should be glad to welcome you at the Union Club," he added, earnestly.

"Yes, and me too, and—Lucretia Borgia," Eblizabeth called back and then burst into a peal of laughter.

They had gone and Sir Walter had eleverly evaded my interesting question. I suppose I will have to wait until the next provincial election, when Premier McBride will be politically decapitated. There is a difference, I know, but from a psychological standpoint the impressions of a man who has lost his political head will make engrossing reading.

outpouring from the Crofton smelter stack. "This is the real article, the only original stuff I brought to the Old Country from America about three hundred and fifty years ago. I called it Virginia Sweet, after Bess, here."

"Yes, and a piece of insolence on your part it was, too." came the unappreciative response, like a pom-pom. "That's about the only thing you ever did besides attacking a few Spanish towns and ficting out futile expeditions. All for my glory. D—n!"

I literally leaped from my seat. It was then a fact that I had often readthe mighty Elizabeth swore. Her father, I knew, was never very choice in the selection of his expletives, but I thought that surely Queen Bess had been foully slandered by historians when they wrote that she occasionally dropped an oath. In my introductory I said that a newspaperman should never be agnazed. Well, I wasn't exactly amazed, but the sudden, poignant, eloquent and inelegant exchamation by the shade of Elizabeth sounded to me like the bursting of a shell. Sir Walter contemplated my agitation with a smile of amusement, while the Queen wore a puzzled expression on her face.

"What's the matter?" she inquired, in-

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finally tried Anti-Pill. This treatment has practically made a new woman of me. I am able to do my own work. The dizziness has all gone, my stomach feels much bester, and I am no longer troubled with constipation. I cannot praise Anti-Pill too highly."—Mrs. Thos. Tabb, 287 Emerald Street, North, Hamilton, Ont.

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MAKE A CHILDREN'S PARTY

season will be in full swing, and some hints may be useful. To begin with, there is one fact concerning a children's party that some people never seem to realize—that the less elaborate and ceremonlous it is, the

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Theatrical Gossip Sunlight Soap

This has been a noteworthy week in Victoria in a dramatic way. Playgoers have had a wide variety before them, ranging from the powerfully impressive miracle plays by the Greet company at the big playshouse, to the clever comedy drama at the Redmond. The first four evenings found the doors of the Victoria open to amusement seekers, Florence Roberts starting the ball arolling in the play that Mrs. Fiske immortalized, "Tess of the D'Urbervilles." Miss Roberts will have to climb a considerable distance before she can be classed with Mrs. Fiske, but nevertheless she has strong emotional talent, which, under proper management, will establish her among the galaxy of fixed stars. It is the intention of Chas. Frohman to give her a chance in the East next senson, and Victorians may expect to hear flattering reports anent her progress.

On Tuesday and Wednesday nights and on Wednesday afternoon, Ben Greet's company commanded the situation at the Victoria. Their miracle plays proved to be so novel that their performances were indelibly impressed upon the mind. But while they apealed to the highest taste from the view point of literary and dramatic excellence, the writer will hazard a hat that if a referendum of playgoers were taken the great majority of hands would shoot into the air when the name of "Pretty Peggy" was called. The party who goes to the Victoria for entertainment only should avoid a play like "Everyman." Its great merit is that it causes a whole lot. of sober thought and speculation, with a resultant verdict which is more often self condemnation than anything else. Therefore at this particular festive season the public cannot be blamed for not taking overkindly to a sombre stage presentation, despite the all-round excellence in which it is given.

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catchy selections, among them being "Roly Poly," "A Paper Fan," "I'm Your Sweetheart Forever," "Mr. Doofey," "I Want to Be a Lidy," "My Little Hongkong Baby," and many others. The offering is made by San S. Shubert

bert.
On Friday Maxine Elliott will appear in "Her Own Way." Whether it was a case of her own way or Nat Goodwin's, that they decided to star separately, it is impossible to say at present, but each seems to be doing pretty well in single dramatic harness, "Her Own Way" is one of Clyde Fitch's production, and in it Maxine Elliott has been very successful.

West's minstrels will be among the early offerings at the Victoria in January. Then will follow the Jefferson Brothers (Joseph, jr., and W. W.) in the famous old comedy "The Rivals," Williams and Walker in "Dahomey," the biograph, Willie Collier, the inimitable, in "The Dictator"; the "Sultan of Sulu," and White Whittlesey in the stirring military drama, "The Second in Command."

It is not unusual for stock company houses to close down during Christmas week owing to counter attractions, in which Santa Claus is the star. The Redmond theatre, however, continues open, and by the grace of the company's many patrons, as Manager Bronson would say, they intend to remain open. They have done good business throughout the week, which will be wound up to-night by the final performance of the comedy "Caste." It was in the first presentation of this piece on Thursday night that Madame Myee made her debut in professional company in Victoria. For the first half of next week the side-splitting comedy "Niobe" will be the attraction. Those who saw the Neill company give this exceedingly funny play here some years

MISS GEORGIA BRYTON, In "Chinese Honeymoon."

worked out the converse proposition, and said: "We'll startle the people with simplicity; the early dram didn't need the accessories of colored lights, and concert of or this constant carping of the send word through file length the stage of all this tinsel and in the grin maked needs of a morality play force home the world-old truth, "As a man sows, so shall he reap."

So "Everyman" has become a household word through file length of the constant carping of the word work for the reap.

Mr. Greet's opening remark was a protest against the constant carping of the man, and we can forgive him much. The refers the singland man, and we can forgive him much. The refers the renewal states were word work for the reap."

Mr. Greet's memory is as strong (or stronger) than his imagination. He told, and we fare free man, and we can forgive him much. The rem Merrie England, undoubtedly comes down from the merry holiday plays of Shakespeare. Twelfth Night, 'As You Like It,' The Winter's Tale.' Americans standards of humor are very different to the English one, so Americans for punch should man, and and can't swallow the England mandament. The rem Merrie England, undoubtedly comes down from the merry holiday plays of Shakespeare. Twelfth Night,' As You Like It,' The Winter's Tale.' Americans standards of humor are very different to the English one, so Americans for punch should be a different to the English one, so Americans for the stronger than his imagination. He told, and the the members have members and credetly a day that he remembers nerfectly a day.

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some interesting thing far better than you know it, and, speaking personally, it is one of life's keenest intellectual joys to hear a man who has done something off his own bat tell what he has done.

off his own bat tell what he has done. Ben. Greet is not the orator or the student who last addressed the club; but he stood before us as the man who got hold of a new idea and persisted in it till he made good. Mr. Greet wanted to present a play which would take. Instead of seeking new and startling features in star or scenery, plot or presentment, he



MAXINE ELLIOTT, In "Her Own Way."

Nat C. Goodwin will evidently not be reunited (theatrically) with his wife (Maxine Elliott) for at least three years longer, as he has signed a contract with Charles Frohman for that time. His play is "The Beauty and the Barge." The following interesting article is from the pen of Miss Agnes Deans Campress against the drama; when an edito press against the drama; when an editor is out of tune with the world he sits down and pens a leader on "The decadence of the drama"; yet the stage and the pulpit and the press have one mission, the presentment of truth. Theatrical performances were given in Bible times, and for centuries pious monks had a monopoly of the stage; to put it in Mr. Greet's forceful veruacular, "The Bible refers to music and dances and procescron:
At the regular meeting of the Tuesday
Club on Tuesday, the president, Mrs.
Rocke-Robertson introduced Ben Greet,
who spoke for a pleasant hour on Miracle and Morality pinys, old Christmas
Masques and Pageants, and the Dramagenerally.

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sions, and these are all there is to most plays, with funny and unfunny stunts sandwiched between."

"The Star of Bethlehem" is an aftempt to reproduce a miracle play of the middle ages. It was compiled a year ago by Professor Charles Mills Gayley, of the University of California. Professor Gayley to this end, harmonied and wove together thirty short miracle plays, "The Second Shepherd's Tale," "The Three Kings of Cologne," "The Judgment Day," "The Angels and the Shepherds, etc., himself supplying only the connecting links.

Mr. Greet gave a vivid presentment of the street processionals of the twelfth

lish pantomime."

Mr. Greet's memory is as strong (or stronger) than his imagination. He told us that he remembers perfectly a day "when I was a kid aged two, and was taken to see six mummers act in kitchen in Hampshire."

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"What did you stop that clock in your room for, Jane?" "Because, mum, the plaguer thing has some sort of a fit every morning, mum, just when I want to sleep."
When the four daughters of M. Girard, a Normandy farmer, were married on the same day, he invited 400 guests. The wedding breakfast menu included four calves, four dozen each of chickens, ducks and geese, and four casks of wine.

CLYDE E. GRANGER, With "The Redmond Company." this ago will back up the assurance that it will well repay witnessing. Charles B. Hanford, who appeared here last year in "The Merchant of Venice," will play the dashing, reckless Don Caesar De Bazan when he again comes here. This is a role admirably suited to Mr. Hanford's personality and virile talent. His leading lady will be Miss Marie Drofnah.

histrionic efforts ever beheld in this city. She ran the entire gamut of human emotions with marked facility, and remained the cynosure of all eyes for nearly the hour and forty minutes the play consumed. This is a feat, which in itself is worth special consideration. With the exception of the few minutes during which Everyman is supposed to receive extreme unction, Miss Crawley was continuously before the footlights, and in view of the heavy emotional work that fell to her part, the strain must be more than ordinarily intense. Ben Greet has a comparatively secondary role, so that Victorians were not in a position to form an adequate idea of his ability. But all must admit that the man who has the courage to venture into the dramatic fields of two continents with plays so much beyond the orthodox chass, is no ordinary exponent of the drama—in the triple capacity of scholar, player and manager.

When anybody suggests to Manager Bronson, of the Redmond theatre, the rumor that the theatrical "trust" is about to inaugurate a crushing crusade against the popular-priced houses rumor that the theatrical "trust" is about to inaugurate a crushing crusade against the popular-priced houses throughout the country by installing stock companies in their various theatre, he bursts into a roar of laughter, and then proceeds to give the whys and wherefores of his levity. "Just reflect for a minute," he says. "The syndicate controls about 500 houses, but for the purpose of my explanation I will cut this figure down to 250. This means that they will have to place 250 stock companies in the field in opposition to the popular-priced companies. What would be the result? Why there wouldn't be enough players in the land to meet this huge demand. The whole realm of the drama would have to be ransacked and the syndicate would find their popular-priced companies a pretty substantial item on the expense account. In the meantime the big stars in the syndicate, too big for the stock companies that the trust would be maintaining, would find their occupations gone unless they withdrew and played in independent houses. And then what is the meantime would the small popular-priced organizations that the syndicate desires to crush be doing? Why as soon as they felt the climate getting too warm they would pull stakes, fold up their tents like the Arabs and wander away, away to some other town where the syndicate couldn't reach them. Then when the coast was clear they would return and resume business at the old stand." That is why Mr. Bronson does not fear annihilation in the tentacles of the octopus.

There are two attractions billed for the Victoria theatre next week. One is the "Chinese Honeymoon," which will be given on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, and the other is "Her Own Way," in which beauteous Maxine Elliott will be the star. Among the members of the former organization are Geo. W. Broderick, the well-known bass, who is an old San Francisco Tivoli favorite. Mr. Broderick has a lower register so profound that when he reaches his nethermost note he feels quite warm. The "Chinese Honeymoon" is full of Oriental coloring, and will be in the hand of a company, said to be 100 strong. The score is replete with



jest!
Great is the power o' minstrelsy;
But feint a skall could I unwrest
of ballads from my music chest,
Tho' heavy 'tis with palimpsest—
Old songs, rag-time reset, d'ye see?'

"And what in the Deil's name, old man?
Do ye think when gentles ring ye up
Ye've nought to do but rush the can
And whimper aye with 'h' and 'an'?
Tune up, or e'er your hide we tan
Wi' stirrup leather for stirrup cup!

"I'faith, gadzooks, My Lords, go slow, While I bethink me a certain air— 'T's not 'Hoop-la, With a Rumbelow,' Nor 'Dowie Dens of Ohio,' Nor 'Come, Let Us a Maying Go, Mah Honey Wid de Kinkiy Halr.'

"But this be a song of great emprise, So lythe and lystene, ye gentles all.
I'll sing ye of one both great and wise,
Who risked his life in humble guise.
Open your cars and shut your eyes,
And—Silence thro' the music hall!"

Fytte I.
Oh, there was a King, as I understand, The mightlest King of ony land; As far and as far as his eyes had seen, They had ne'er outrun the King's demesn

Swankey and gleg and debonaire— A broth of a boy (as a Briton,ought, I rhyme in Erse, Frank, Saxe and So

Syne the Kling hath called him up to the

throne,
And say'd: "My lad, will ye gang alone
To the Hinterlands o'er the 'Lantic sea
An' bring a protocol to me?"

Now the Kinge's son set firm his face, Says he: "To fear would be disgrace; So gie's your blessing and the Royal lack And I'll risk the wild untamed Canuck.

With my trav'lling suite—I'll go inco And rubberneck, as old Araby did, The Caliph Haroun Abraschid.

"For 'twere well our high estate to hide. In a land where Paymin Grits abide, Till we've supped unkenned at their loving cup,

Oh, the King threw his arms around his

neck, Has gived him a kiss, and a Royal cheque, Has swatted the drops frae his Royal eyes, And says: "Go, get you a good disguise."

"Oh, I may not go as a belted Earl, To tempt the flerce Canajen churl, Lest they pin me tight wi' my ain broad

Hard and fast to a mining board.

"And I may not go as a General, "And I may not go as a deducal,"
Nor yet a deep sea Admiral,
Lest they salt some Klondike river bank
Wi' golden braid that marks my rank.

"And I may not go as a man of wealth,

Lest they make friends wi' me by steakth,

And loaden me up with a good sure thing,

And dell a groat in my pouch to ring.

"But I'll gang as a lowly drummer boy, In Canaday to seek employ. And I'll spy the land wl'out loss of life Ere I tour offeecial wi' my wife."

"Go to," sayth he, "and take my gage
To our Pierpont Morgan, and bid him hike
To us—and so awa' ye bike."

Then off and away went the lither you page, So swiftly for his two bit gage; He has found Pierpont upon the Strand And given him the King's command.

Then 'twas "Welcome, welcome," cried the

King,
Ke'll help us out like onything.
Ye'll help us out like onything.
If ye rede me this ye will earn our thanks,
How dress ye drummers among the Yanks?

"Oh, you'll get him a lounging suit o' grey, Wi' checks to hear a mile away; Spats, and a pair o' buttoned yellow shoon, A bright, bright vest to shame the moon;

"And a flare end scarf like a butterfly, A collar just three inches high, Then a gore sleeved coat on the Ragian

plan, And plug hat, a la alderman."

'And whatna orders does a drummer wear? And whatna weapons should be bear?

And whatna beats does the drummer bea

As he rat-tat-tats along the street?"

"Oh, he'll get what orders he may bespeak, And bears no weapon save his cheek; And this is the beat of the drummer man, To beat the railroads when he can."

"Hold up, hold up, with thy endless drone,
Thou minstrel bald with the autoharp;
Thy witless tale's as dry's a bone,
Thy harp is flat, a semi-tone;
Thy jests are pointless, and were known
To the grandsire of St. Polycarp."

"Nay now, nay now, but I have the floor— But wait till I quaff the X X X, Then will I all the wealth unstore That lieth hid in camel's roar, In peacock's song and sphynx's lore— Lie low till you here what's coming nex'." Second Fytte.

Oh, the bard has thrummed it ance and

twice,
And he has the unmed it a tripling time; And he has gotten his measure point device,
And pours it forth like a Kipling rhyme.
And chord by chord he has set it true,
And gi'en it sound wi' a humming tune,
To a leading air as faint and new
As the thin white curve of the coming

moon.

He has set the word to a proper scale,
And bugled it loud in his chosen tongue,
Till the pipe of the heav'nly nightlugale
Is dwarfed to the sob of a frozen lung.
The breakers roar, the wild winds rage,

The King's son on the landing stage Cries: "Wae's me, wha'll the storm assuage Before I putten to sea?

"Black to the eye broad Mersey rolls, Unstable, wet, and full of holes; Oh, wha will come an' take their tolls, That'll safely ferry me?"

Then up and spake the ferryman proud:
"Oh, who is this that ca's so loud?
I'se ferry ye safe thro' wave and cloud,
Tho' high the tide is swellin'. The high the tide is swelin.

For the halter yet I'll save yer neck,
And land ye hale at old Kebeck,
For cheaper toll than you'd expec.

My name is Hughie Allan!"

He struck a match—the night was dark-They stepped aboard the Alian bark, To the mast they nailed the Piimsoll ma High up and outen danger.
Then anchor weighed and off they go
Thro's smooring foam as white as snow,
And Hughie says: "Ye're best below.
Ho, steward! 'tend the stranger!"

The King's son lies in troubled sleep, The King's son see in troubled sleep,
While round the Calf o' Man they creep,
And, ranging o'er the soundless deep,
Flare farewell lights to Erin.
Syne landward rises Heaven's lamp,
Westward the shades o' night decamp,
The waves no longer roar and ramp,
Wi' crested mane, up-rearin'.

Then up, refreshed, the Prince arose
And dressed himself in drummer's clothes,
To him, on deck, comes one of "those"—
"How's a' wil 'ye, my buck oh?
I'm Jones, that sells Saul's dog feed cake.
Come, Join in our ship's run sweepstake—
Wilt risk a crown to make or break?
Be blooded—Try your luck, oh!"

Emotion swented the France's ocast,
The buttons on his cramsic vest
Snapped, as he spoke in leal protest,
"Would'st blooded be, yourself, sir?
Away and feed your dogs, ye clown!
Talk not so lichtly o' the crown!
Lest I, tho' but a drummer, frown
As would a son of Guelph, sir!"

The bounder fled in pale amaze

The bounder fied in pale amaze
And kept below for twa-three days,
The King's son turned and walked his ways
Intil the cablu smoker.
There three men tried to teach him slough,
But syne he signalied: "Quantum suff.
The game of euchre's bad enough,
Wi' bower, are and joker.

But when the King ranks third in place, He cast the cartes intil the sea.
"Alas! Alas!" then cried the three.

But rocking little what they say, But, recking little what they say,
The King's son, stlent, goes his way,
While plying caward day by day
The good ship makes her westing.
Her bows the blocking billows spurn,
And fling in shattered flakes astern,
The wing-worn seagulis scream and turn,
Her restless pace protesting.

The watch on deck with puckered cycs
At last a gleam of white espies,
And "Hice ahead!" he hoarsely cries,
From lungs a whale might blow thro'.
The King's son glowers thro' his glass—
"is Canaday you ley mass?
Then Rudyard called her right, alas,
Our Lady of the Snowshoe!"

"Hoots! toots!" says Hughle. "Haud yet

peace!
Yon's but a berg frae Arctic Seas,
Whaur heathens feed on walrush grease,
An' strut in sealskin plaidies.
Oor Canaday is what divines
Would ca' a land of oil an' wines,
And, Judged by Isothermal lines,
She's somewhat nearer Hades!

"You Keepling lad is just a pote, He's not the first, for long ago King Pompydoor (of France, ye know) Ca'd Canaday a wheen o' snow Ung poo arpens de nayges."

The minstrel paused for lack of breath, The minstrel paused for lack of breath, Full pleased to hear his audience snore Alas! there comes an angry roar From one, whose outery witnesseth That naught save apoplectic death Shall end the cycle of "encore!" "Da capo, scoundre!! Give us more!" Sadly his harp he fingereth.

Sadly his voice he tunes again Sadiy his voice he tunes again
To syncopated accents low,
That murmur o'er an undertow
Of sobbing, baritonic pain.
Sadiy he drones the duil refrain,
And telleth how, from far below
Quebec, to Montreal, "en haut"
The ship salis inland from the main. Fytte the Third.

Point Levis gates are gained at last, Point Levis gates are gained at dist, (Wae's me, St. Lawrence). Fair stream, yet awful, regal, vast, A queen of torrents; With far flung farms, once held in flef To rights seigneurial, now in grief, Cadastred, registered, in brief—Brought down to Torrens.

Mount Royal's barbor soon is won (Wae's me, the maples), Outpicturing, beneath the sun, The Bay of Naples. From here the incog. cables home: "Big town, Conform'st, leans to Rome; Trade exports—corn and honeycomb, And such like staples.

Mount Royal's barbor soon is won

Fine men and women here-the maids

"Fine men and women here—the mates (Wae's me, the lassie)
Can give oor English cards and spades—Not one is passe.
Fresh, buoyant, vigorous and sweet, Tho' countless hundreds throng the str Gadzooks, mon pere, each one I meet Je veux l'embrasser!"

(Wae's me, Marconi),
'Twas no false rouge on madame's
I'll bet a pony.
When the false butler of the tower

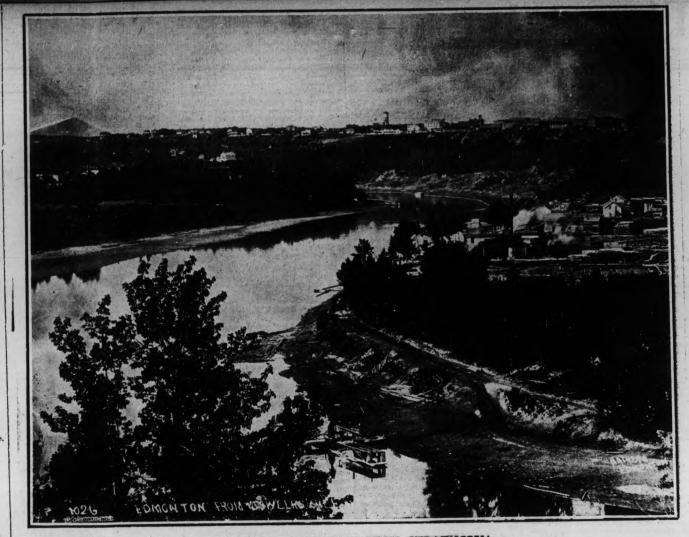
Would tax Lafayette's cameric power!

The wire buzzed back to Montreal (Wae's me, the Beaver):
"Come home at once, ere worse befall, You gay deceiver;"
Verb. sap. suffit., the Prince went hame (Sadder and madder than he came)
Across the seas to join his dame,
Nae mair to leave her.

In thunderous mood the Ollave thwinged his fingers thro' the lyre, Vibrating harsh concordant sounds obedi-

ent to his stroke;
The diapasoned echoes throbbed tumultuous from the wire
In walls of Cassandrale wee—and then—
the G string broke.
Hot to his lips rushed goffing terms well

rounded to his ire,
But he choked them down and went
straight home and never a word he
spoke.



VIEW OF EDMONTON FROM STRATHCONA.

further out than Miller.

"Well, boys," said Miller, "I guess there is only one thing to do, and that is camp here for the night, make a crossing in the early dawn and trust to luck to get our man quietly. Hunt around for some dry sticks and we will try and get a fire on. I am fragistic." am freezing."
It was indeed cold, and Miller's trousers

stricks and we will try and get a fire on. I am freezing."

It was indeed cold, and Miller's trousers were stiffening as were has socks and most considered in the standard of the string as were has socks and most considered in the standard of the string as were has socks and most considered in the standard of the string and around this the men crowded. They had, of course, no are with them, and were unable to procure any but the smallest kirling it is ensured as an around this time men crowded. The was a most miserable ultimated to the string of the string to my mind," said Mr. had of course, no are with them, and were unable to procure any but the smallest kirling to sense around was niled of branches for burning. Miller and Johnson, who had been in the water, quickly stripped off their wet garments and sat close to the fare endeavoring to get wand been a larger camp hard by, and word had been sensoring to get wand been a larger camp hard by, and off off their wet garments and sat close to the fare endeavoring to get wand been a larger camp hard by, and of the word off their wet garments and sat close to the fare endeavoring to get wand been a larger camp hard by, and of the word with the word of the mes soundow discovered who had been a larger camp hard by, and to dry their clothes. A flass, which one of the ines soundow discovered with the heads and the string the string the string to my and the string the string the string the string the string that the string the str

On riding to the river's edge, Miller discovered that the water was running clear in the middle, there being a gap of about affeen feet in the ice, and that it would be impossible to cross the flood there. In fact, it was an extremely fortunate thing that he had not chanced it the night before and attempted to cross. Had he done so there was little doubt but that the whole party would have been swept down and drowned. Accordingly, Miller led his men some two miles down the river before they could choose a place where the lee was sufficiently solid to cross. Once over they put their horses to the gallop and made short work of the five miles between the river and the spot in which Moonchild was camped.

one standing a little way from the rest, almost cut off from them by a belt of brush. From the, top of this one a slight column of smoke was rising, and he had little doubt that this was Moonchild's abode. Making a slight detour, he passed behind the other lodges and came on the back of the fsolated tepee. Suddenly a dog began to bark; then another and another, itill the whole canne population of the little began to bark; then another and another, till the whole canine population of the little village was aroused. Heads were put out of the tepees and it was evident that the camp was awake. Hastly Miller posted his men around the tepee, giving them strict instructions not to fire on any account, unless they should hear shots in the tepee, into which he would go alone. Loosening his six-shooter in its scabbard, and giving his horse to Johnson, Miller walked to the flap of the tepee and stooping down, boldly entered.

cocked it, and his little eyes glittered venemously. Miller, however, took no notice whatever of him. He shook hands with the other Indians, whom he happened to know, and sat down at the other side of the fire, coolly taking out his pipe and lighting it. Then he began to talk, of the Great White Mother, of the buffalo which were gone, of all subjects dear to an Indian's heart. Miller was an adept in the Blood tongue; he could speak it like a native. All the time he was watching Moonchild from the corners of his eyes, though apparently paying no attention to him.

and waded out knee deep into the ice cold water, sounding in front of him, as he went, with the pole. It was desperately cold, and the current was fairly strong. The water rose over his knees and he was forced to return to the bank in a few minutes without having been able to get far enough out to find the opening. One of the men then volunteered to try, but he got no further out than Miller. "Well, bors." said Miller, "I guess there child succeeded in releasing one hand from the saturation and let his rifle slip from his hands on to his lap. In an instant, Muller sprang across the fire and landed squarely on the astonished Indian. Moonchild struggled fiercely, calling on his friends to all him. For a moment, they were undedicided; then the burly form of Constable mined," said Mr. Sartoris.

"It will last our time," said Mr. my yawning. "Novellsts scoff at it—philosophers child succeeded in releasing one hand from cided; then the burly form of Constable Leeson appeared in the tepee door, and the muzzle of a six-shooter convinced them that they had better remain seated. Moon-child succeeded in releasing one hand from Miller's grip, and drew his knife, making, a vicious stab. Fortunately, he aimed low, and the point was caught in Miller's cartridge belt. Then Miller drew his revolver, and, striking the man on the head with the butt, stunned him, and quickly fastened his hands behind his back with the hand-cuffs. Lifting the senseless man easily, he took him out of the tepee and carried him to where the men were with the horses.

On getting outside the tepee, however.

The little party broke into a trot and then put their horses at the full gailop, straight for the yelling mob of Bloods who awaited the onset. "No shooting," men," cried Milthey put their horses to the gallop and made short work of the five miles between the river and the spot in which Moonchild was camped.

As Miller came upon the camp he noticed that there were in all about twelve tepees, one standing a little way from the rest, almost care of the camp he noticed that there were in all about twelve tepees, almost care of the camp he noticed that there were in all about twelve tepees, almost care of the camp he noticed that there were in all about twelve tepees, almost care of the camp he noticed that there were in all about twelve tepees, almost care of the camp he noticed and gave way, some of their number being trampled down by the police, among them being the gentleman who had saluted Lee-"Shpit at me, will ye, ye red divil? shouted the latter as he caught the Blood ander the chin with the point of his toe. "How's that, me bhoy?"

In a few moments the police were through and on their way home. Not an Indian dared to fire on or follow them.

The barracks were reached before dinner and all the post turned out to maet the prisoner and his escort. After delivering up the prisoner to the jail orderly, who swore vigorously, to himself, at being interfered with, and being complimented by the O. C. on the way in which he had effected the arrest, Miller stalked off to the sergeants' mess where he was received with great effusion. Of the remainder of that memorable day he has but a slight; recollection, as, indeed, have few of those who were there, but, when the temperance editor of the local paper was discovered at reveille vainly endeavoring to climb the flagstaff in the square, under the impression that it was the staircase of the hotel, little remains to be said.

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Shortly afterwards, Moonchild was tried and suffered the penalty of his crime. Man Shortly afterwards, anoncome was tree and suffered the penaity of his crime, Miller having before that day received the right to don an extra chevroni for the able manner in which he had presented that worthy with his Christmas present.—A. E. K. in Canadian Military Gazette.

THE MATCH-MAKER

"Marriage, sir, is being completely under-nined," said Mr. Sartoris. "It will last our time," said Mr. Chap-

man, yawning.
"Novelists scoff at it—philosophers scorn
it—Mr. Meredith suggests a time-limit—Mr.
Hope speaks of it as an irksome harness."
"It has borne worse attacks," said Mr.
Chapman. "There was Godwin and Shel-Chapman. "There was Godwin and Sueiley—and Mr. Grant Ailen—where are their teachings now?"

"The position is very grave," said Mr.

It was easier said than done.
"Thanks, no," said Eisie, when Mrs. Sar-toris suggested a visit to see some pictures.
"Mr. Lucas and I are going into the green-

When Mr. Sartoris came downstairs to see his guests off Tom was putting on Elsie's cloak in an intimate sort of way which made Mr. Sartoris descend more slowly. As he reached the foot of the stairs, Tom gave Elsie a resounding kiss.

Mr. Sartoris stopped short, confounded at the openness of the thing. Mr. Lucas turned to him.

"Mr. Sartoris," he said, "it was jolly good of you to ask us. We've been engaged

"Mr. Sartoris," he said, "it was jolly good of you to ask us. We've been engaged for a year to-night, but pledged to secrecy by our patents. You are now the first friend to know of our happiness."

In the course of his great humanitarian effort it seemed a kindly thought to ask Edmund Gunten, the distinguished but lonely journalist, from his rooms in the Temple to meet Phyllis Carstairs, the zealous political beauty.

But in these personal matters it is always important to be well-informed.

The two spent the dinner-time in polite conversation, varied by strange fits of silence. There seemed to be a sort of understanding between them, but an entire and rather dreary lack of personal interest. Almost immediately after dinner Edmund Gunter came up to say good-bye to his hostess.

"Sorry to be going so soon," he remarked, "but Pm in luck. Miss Carstairs and I have found that we are both bent on the same errand—going, tag the same dance to meet our fiances—so I'm going in her carriage."

"The great thing," said Mr. Sartoris one

ferior. She is born to a position of subjec-

tion—"
"Oh! indeed," Miss Philippa could be heard saying in a loud staccato voice; "and supposing she refuses to accept it? What then?"
"Why, then, all the worse for her. There is nothing more miserable on earth than an ungoverned animal."
Miss Philippa Brooks rose from her seat

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"Mrs. Sartoris," she said, "I am very sorry to say that I must go, I cannot stay here to be insuited."

And she went.

Next morning Mr. Sartoris was sitting in Next morning Mr. Sartoris was sitting in his study in a profound state of gloom. All his plans seemed to have gone astray, and the human race seemed no better. Suddenly a knock came at the door, and young Charles Oxford, a friend of Mr. Sar-

toris's endest some now an undergone made a deferential entry.

"Well, sir, what do you want?" said Mr.
Sartoris, not too gently.

"Your daughter and I, sir, are fond of one-

another, and we wish to be married."
"What, Janet! But she is only a child!"
"She is seventeen, sir, and I'm twenty-

Blind Cupid had shot his dart without asking for any aid from human arm.—Har-old Spender in Chronicle.

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"Now, you bet," replied Hewson, "Mr. Indian is lying low in some comfortable tepee, and not very far off either, I should "Inst here."

"No news about the Indian yet, I sup-pose?" said Wright. "Don't suppose we will hear of him until the spring?"

Moonchild's Christmas

and with this warm weather it won't be much of a job getting there."

"I'd advise you to take your buffalo coats along all the same. You never know what this sort of a day is going to turn out," said the sergeant-major.

"No, I don't think I will. They will be in the way if any trouble comes along, and would only interfere with a fellow's movements," Miller replied. "Let's have some more purge now," and once more the mess sat around the table, enjoying their pipes and their "purge" (the irreverent name given the beer supplied in the canteen).

It was growing dusk that evening when Miller and his men rode out of the post. He had six constables with him, all rather looking on the trip as a nulsance, that was all. None of them took any account of the probable danger in it. That never bothered them for an instant. They despised the Indeans with a thorough contempt and each man considered himself equal to rounding up the whole Blood Nation and running it in to the post if necessary. Still, it was a beauty bore to have to leave the post of Ohristmas Eve on such an errand, and all they hoped was that they would be back in the for direct on the morrow. It was allow work riding; the chimple wind had

muddy. Then, too, they did not wish to make too good time, as they would have to camp out all night in any event.

As the evening passed, however, the weather, with that happy faculty of sudden change for which the Northwest climate is noted, gave the party a free and unasked-for exhibition of the great failing feat. From 40 above to zero was for it, as those who have lived in Alberta well know, as easy "as failing off a log." The wind fell entirely and the cold settled down evidently to stay. The party was in ordinary winter clothing (fur caps and mitts, fadgue clothes, with heavy duffle socks and cowskin moccasins), and luckily did not miss their buffalo coats very much, though it was a case of occasionally dismounting and running along to keep comfortably warm.

It was fairly late and pitch dark when the Kootenay river was reached. It could be heard roaring in the distance. The chinook of the last week or so had evidently broken up the lee, and Miller was afraid that the crossing would be difficult, if not impossible, in the dark. On reaching the river edge, he found that the lee was covered with water, running with quite a current, and he could not see whether the centre of the river was open or not. To venture across in the black night, unable to see a yard shead, or to tell where the river was running was too ricky. Once a horse and man got line that flerce torrent, God help them, carried swiftly down between two walls of ice—a momentary struggle, then sucked under the lee where it still remained solid; a despairing grasp at its cruel and silpper; edges, a few awful its cruel and silpper; edges, a few awful its cruel and silpper; edges, a few awful moments and then a lifeless mass slowly swept down stream, to be ledged on some e sand bur and await the spring before the eye of man should reat on, what once was a gallant rider and his steed.

Miller halted his men among the cottomwoods which fringed the river banks and the party dismounted, tying their horses to the control of the steep and the steep and th

It was Christmas Eve in Macleod. The sun was shining brightly and the warm chinook wind was rapidly melting away the sanow. "A regular old-timers' Christmas," the senior staff screent said_as he looked out of the window of the sergeants' mess. The Northwest Mounted Police in the post were having a lively time preparing for the morrow; liquor was pleaty and dutes few, and hispection of kit worried no man's soul just then. It was lunch time in the mess and the N. C. O's were enjoying hemselves heartily. Several of the sergeants on detachment were in for Christmas, and the chairman looked around upon twenty as fine specimens of the British's holder as were to be met in that year of grace, 189-ker, for that matter, now. Those old foes, Miller and Pepper, were once more at it. This time, however, Miller had the upper hand. Neither he nor the mess had forgotten the prompt manner in which Pepper had raised his hands and surrendered his previous entire in the year at Miller's request, and consequently Pepper was almost allent, his usual flow of bludgeon, wit and elephantine badinage having escaped him. Prevently, however, the conversation turned on the murder of Heyburn, a constable, by a Blood Indian rejoicing in the passed, by a Blood Indian rejoicing in the passed, by a Blood Indian rejoicing in the peaceful asme of Moonchild.

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four, tobacco."

"Good," grunted the noble red man,
"treat Indian well."

"Yes, treat Indian well. More, too; next
fall, before snow files, heap presents come
for Indians from Great White Mother,
Red coats, medals, looking-glasses."

Here Moonchild got Interested in the con-

The Adventurers.

A CHRISTMAS STORY.

CHAPTER I.

In an alcove of the rose-and-white tearoom of one of the most luxurious of ladies' clubs sat pretty Mrs. Deveney and Lord Fennis Burt. A casual observer would have labelled them at once as a typical Mayfair married couple of some five years' standing, for there existed between them that nonchalant, politely tolerant intercourse which is the mark of Mayfair matrimony. But the world-in-little, of which they formed important figures, had decided long ago that these two knew each other much too well to admit of any such romantic tie, and the fact of their cousinship made their comradeship too ordinary a thing for gossip. As for the world-in-large, it heeded them not at all, but went about its business, barely pausing to chronicle in this corner of the tea-room the presence of two entirely idle people. Indeed, their idleness at this moment might present a postitively aggressive aspect to some of the bustling, hustling, chattering women who poured in and out of the tea-rooms, followed by school boy sons, by patient husbands, by wearied attendant cavaliers, all laden with packages. For it was the season just before Christmas, when a species of diseased activity and a reckless opening of purse-strings seem inseparable. On one divan a gay young duchess was unfolding the mysteries of a new clock-work toy to a circle of friends, and close by a weary but triumphant squiress was declaring to a gossip that she had acquired twenty-four Noah's Arks at cost price for a village Christmas tree. And so it went om. Jewellery packages, knick-knacks, toys, were in the air. Lists of shopping were being ticked off at every tea-table, and above all was the clatter of cups and the high note, mixed and rasping, of incessant chatter, which even the gay Czardas and walters of the Humenfeet which the of one of the most luxurious of ladies' clubs sat pretty Mrs. Deveney

note, mixed and rasping, of incessant chatter, which even the gay Czardas and waltzes of the Hungarian band in the gallery could not drown.

Mrs. Deveney pushed her tea-cup away impatiently and surveyed her neighbor.

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"Why can't one escape Christmas, Fen?" she said, peevishly.

"Don't speak to me as if I invented it." answered her companion, lazily. "It was invented for some good purpose, I suppose." His companion frowned.

"Don't. That is irreligious. I detest you in that mood. "I don't mean the church festival. It's this to which I object—this ridiculous fuss." Her gesture included the suite of rooms, with the busy stream of ladies, page-boys and weary cavaliers.

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"It doesn't hurt you, and it amuses others, my dear Sidney." He helped himself carefully to a new kind of brioche. "Besides, you see," he said, "some people value this sort of thing very much—the people who have family circles and—and things. They are the people who like to hire a coupe by the day and stuff it with nubbly parcels and get things for elevenpence three farthings instead of one shilling and a half-penny. They think they are disseminat-

ings instead of one shilling and a halfpenny. They think they are disseminating Joy, with a capital. It makes them
very happy. No, I wouldn't take Christmas away from these people."

"Let them have it, but don't ask me
to share it with them!"

"Then you'd better refuse the invitation of your aunt, Lady Barr. You'll
have a dose of it all there. Didn't he
letter invite you to the family festivities
at Jerbury, with the prospect of three
generations together under one roof for
fun and frolic? It sounds a heavy undertaking."

"Don't talk of it. You can go if you ke. I can't think why she asked you." "Because—"
"That will do, Fen," put in his friend,
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"That will do, Fen," put in his friend, hastily.
"Well, it may gratify you, then, to know that I refused outright."
"That was unnecessary."
"I knew you would not go."
"How very annoying of you. She'll only think I prevented you."
"You are pleased to be very cutting, Sidney, but as I know you well I will wait till you smile and ring for some more cake. Ah! a telegram."
She opened it, read and grimaced.
"Another invitation to a 'happy family



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circle'! It's from Pamela." "Very kind of her grace, I'm sure. But could you stand that atmosphere for a week-bridge forbidden, snapedragon, at ten and prayers after, and only one post a day?"
"No. I can't Where are the other wires?"
Her companion produced a sheaf of

them. "I shall refuse them all, Please make

"I shall refuse them all. Please make the excuses for me."

"And what am I to do?"

"Well, you can go out of town somewhere. So can I."

"Why not stay cosily at home?"

"My household is having a fancy ball. I had to yield, for my maids bullied me so. Besides other people's retainers were so. Besides other people's retainers were so kind to mine in Scotland last year, and one has to return these things. So and one has to return these things. So I've given them permission to dance in the dining-room on Christmas Eve, and ordered quite a nice band for them. I couldn't possibly stay in the house. But it's all dreadfully tiresome, for my French maid wept at the notion of being taken away to the country, and visiting without her is excruciating. Do think of something, do try and be original."

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"Let's be very rural for once. I know of a little gabled inn in Oxfordshire, the sort of place where you have ale in pewter tankards and the menfolk come and sit round the fire with you. I used to go there as a school boy to fish on a river near. It's as quiet as the tomb, and there'll be heaps of room. We can take the rooms by letter. We can disappear comfortably from all this," he rejoined, with a gesture inclusive of the room, "I am sure it would be quite proper," he added, irritatingly, She looked wrathfully at him. "Proper? I am sick of all this nonsense. If I intended to marry you eventually should I allow the weekly papers to go on putting in paragraphs about me to that

should I allow the weekly papers to go on putting in paragraphs about me to that effect? This makes the sixth time I have definitely refused you."
"I didn't mean it that time," he murmured, penitently; "I merely wanted to make sure that you wouldn't mind if—if Lady Barr and Pamela found out that we had both refused their invitations because we wanted to enjoy each other's society in solitude in a romantic spot."

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"That isn't my reason at all," began Mrs. Deveney, testily.
"Suppose you are nice to me—for once, said her cousin, good humoredly," Supposing you let me make all arrangements and meet me at Charing Cross on Thursday to catch the 4 o'clock train?" He leaned forward across the table with an honest, energetic, winning air, and Sidney Deveney actually suddenly found herself blushing.
"You're a dear old thing," she said, mollified; "and I don't care what Pamela and Aunt Barr think, Fen. I am sick of gossip. If we were in America, where society is run on really respectable lines, we should be left alone and no one would always impute the worst motives to the smallest actions. You shall meaned overrething. We will have

one would always impute the worst mo-tives to the smallest actions. You shall manage everything. We will have a country Christmas and foreswear bridge and bear with snapdragon. We will even drag in Yule logs if necessary. At any rate, we sha'n't each have more than one person to bore us or to quarrel with. We might even seek adventures." "Dear me, how energetic you are, and romantic!" Her companion's tone had resumed its customery langor.

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"Yes, I am romantic." retorted Mrs. Deveney. "That's why I won't—"
"The seventh refusal, and the second in an afternoon," said her companion, with a mock groan. "You are two ahead you know, Sidney. Never mind I will make a point of being level with you—after Christmas. Three forty-five at Charing Cross, please, and bring the simplest luggage—not more than four simplest luggage—not more than four hats, you know, and that kind of thing.

"I feel properly adventurous, Fen," said Mrs, Deveney, twenty-four hours later, and in truth she looked it. There was a new flush upon her cheek—real, not artificial—a new light replaced the rather shrewd brightness of her fine eyes. Caprice and criticism had vanished from both faces.

Her companion proudly indicated his solitary Gladstone.

"You mean that for once you feel quit

solitary Gladstone.

'You mean that for once you feel quit of your fal-lals," he said ironically.

"Perhaps. I'm like the heroine in the Princess Lointaine' when she drops her jewelled cloak to the ground in the last scene—'my shoulders are divinely light.'"

"We are all far too much thannessed."

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"We are all far too much 'harnessed to our kitchen furniture,' as one great person has put it," answered her escort.
"I congratulate you, Sidney, on suppressing even a dressing bag. And your trunk?"

box. "Fifine was furious; she said it was like a commis voyageur's baggage.
added, "But I didn't mind."

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"I adore you," said Lord Fennis, ardently. "Really, if a woman can bring her baggage down to such dimensions marriage could not be called a failure." "The sixth time and the eighth refusal, poor dear!" answered Mrs. Deveney, sweetly. "Kindly get the tickets, Fen, and see this labelled while I select our carriage."

The wind was keen, and very few passengers seemed desirous to alight at the little station to which the two social trunnts were destined. Sidney's heart sank somewhat as she alighted and gazed upon the wintry landscape. Her long worship of the life of towns taught her to see in the present surroundings nothing but a dreary duliness.

"Not even a fly! And the inn half a mile away," she lamented; "really, Fen!"

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"Not even a fly! And the inn hair a mile away," she lamented; "really, Fen!" a wired to them to bring a shay of some sort." he protested. "But the porters seem to know nothing about it. Come, take my arm and pretend you are a market woman. This is the beginning of our jolly old English Christmas—our adventure, you know."

"I must say I do like to take my adventures comfortably," she pouffed. But she took his arm, and the two of thema very debonair pair, indeed—walked down to the village, leaving their luggage to be called for later. The villagers looked curiously at them in the dusk as the history and the point of the piano. They are sent to know nothing about it.

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"It is a beautiful bit, of country," said Fennis, reassuringly. "All sorts of famous men have lived here and written great books. It's the genus loci, or whatever they call it, which inspires them. I'll walk you up on to the Downs to-morrow and show you three counties. Now we are going to turn into the dittle call de sac where my old inn is. Hullo! they might have a lantern at their entrance gate."

"The house looks pitch dark," she said, disparagingly.

"Oh, country people put their shutters

up early, you know. Behind those curtained windows we shall find it all—the delicious old simple Christmas. No silly cards or little notes of greeting from the people who hate one like poison, or invitations which it's an infernal nuisance even to read. Nothing except roaring wood fires, and Sheffield plate, and plain Chippendale chairs, and polished floors—and hot buttered cakes which we both adore so much?" And he couxed the critical lady on and up the lane to the flagged pathway of the inn garden. Instantly from its kennel leaped a large black mongrel with a howl. It guarded the main door, and every attempt to pass it was impossible. After its second on slaught on his calves Fennis decided that it would be best to go round to the inn yard.

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ome years ago married a second time.

"The poor fellow who took on this inn some years ago married a second time, a young wife, and she ran away and I-ft him at Michaelmas. Last week he shot himself, and now the house is closed till the lawyers can see about it. It's you that telegraphed for rooms? There was no address, sir, so we couldn't let you know."

"But where on earth are we to stay?" wailed Sidney. "Surely there is another inn—even a common 'pub' would do."

"There isn't a hole or corner—nothing fit for a lady."

A bright idea struck her.

"But isn't there someone who takes in lodgers—paying guests, you know?"

The countryman scratched his head. There was a house, he said, right up on the downs, about a mile off. It was not much of a place, but they were gentlefolk, people in a bad way, he believed. No one knew much about them. Lassell was the name. He pointed out the turning left form.

low, coarse—"

Her voice broke in almost with shriek. "Common, low, coarse? Lo Her voice broke in almost with a shriek. "Common, low, coarse? Look at my work. My hands show it! They scrub the common flags so that you feet may go in clean places, and polish and lay the common grates to warm and cheer you. They mend and scrub and dig up frozen cabbages and cut the common firewood. What do you think the world would say? "There is John Las-

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sell. He is so great that he can't paint anything that sells. He is too refined. But his wife—he makes a scullion of her! You make fifty pounds? You might as well run a motor factory. If I could get help I might take in people—decent lodgers. But so long as the place is without a servant, all out of repair, and half in ruins, it is useless. Even your precious ramshackle artist friends cau't stand it—the rain leaking into the beds and the rows with tradesmen who want to be paid. I wish fire would come down from heaven and burn the place—and then there'd be an end to it—and to us, thank heaven!"

It was at this juncture that the way-

It was at this juncture that the way-farers below, embarrassed and astounded, knocked sturdily at the door. There was a hurried consultation in the house. Then a woman came to the door and looked upon her visitors, and her answer was curt and ironical.

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"There must be some mistake," he said; "or perhaps they have got out of the way of using the front entrance in winter. Twice, thrice he rang a bell at the back door, six time he knocked. Presently a faint shout made the two turn. The will-o'-the-wisp light of a lantern came zig-zagging towards them from a field in which a cottage nestled, and presently a man hurried up, lifting his lantern suspiciously.

"You can't go in," he said. "There's bin an ifquest and a funeral nodding his head towards the house. "The poor féllow who took on this inn some years ago married a second time, a young wife, and she ran away and find the instantly from the remainder of the way of the second one-slaught on the control of the way of using the front entrance in winter. Twice, thrice he range a bell at the buse. Artists are always so sensitive, you know. They think so much of the way of using the front entrance in winter. Twice, thrice he range a bell at the buse. Artists are always so sensitive, you know. They think so much of the way of using the front entrance in winter. Twice, thrice he range a bell at the would be to pay for here!" She there would be to pay for here!" S

"We should be the last to wish to dis-turb you; but we are in such straits. We-er-my sister-and I-want to spend a country Christmas, and find the inn is closed. It will be true charity if you will take us in."

"Yes, indeed," echoed Sidney; "we are so bitterly cold, and so longing for some tea."

tea."
"Cold?" said the woman, sharply; "Cold?" said the woman, sharply; "you can't either of you be very cold in your splendid fur coats! Come in by all means, if you like, but the house is as cold as the outside air. There is no coal—only sticks. And I've scarcely any tea and no bread—only some flabby biscuits. Please come in!" Her tone grew more and more sarcastic. "Welcome, both of you, to Hunger Hall!" She led the way, laugaing hysterically, into a low square hall, brick paved and carpeted with the remains of what must once have been very beautiful Oriental rugs. On the hearth a few sticks freshly lighted set up a bluish smoke as if the wood were thoroughly damp. "How very picturesque it is!" said Sidney, encouragingly.

and things, and then the rest can be sent."

"Yes, what fun!" said Sidney. In truth she was glad to relieve the situation, and there was not much lassitude in the step with which she tripped once more along the dark lane. The marketing was not a long business. I amis struggled back with a basket of g.occies, a boy followed with a barrow containing vegetables and meat, and Sidney arrived at the door proudly swinging a pair of ducks tied by the legs.

The lady of Hunger Hall gave a little gasp and took the ducks from har.

"You mustn't," she said. 'You mustn't stay here. It isn't fit. Look at your white gloves, and your earriugs, and your lovely cloth dress."

"Tve another like it at home, so it doesn't matter if it is spoiled." said Sidney carelessly—and then could have bitten her tongue off, for she saw how the other woman winced.

"I had dresses once," said Mrs. Lassell, "and gloves and rings, too. I sold the rings to clothe John's studio with Eastern embroideries for his backgrounds. There was a day when I'd have sold my skin if I could have made John better canvasses for his pictures. How absolutely mad we women are, aren't we?" Again came the short, bitter langh. "What's the use of deluging you with all this?" she cried again, "You don't know what that kind of blindness is. You're never been married—in any case you would not marry a poor man. You'd have everything—everything I've not got—children and friends, good servants and no anxiety—the busy cradle and the 'at bome' day—" She ended in a rather sharper peal of laughter than usual. Sidney tossed aside her furs, drew off her exquisite gloves and all her rings—dertly slipping her wedding ring into a pocket—and went quickly up to the other woman.

"You poor child," she said, taking her hands. "You poor child, be said, taking her hands. "You poor child, she said, taking her hands. "You poor child, he said, taking her hands. "You poor child I believe I understand your difficulties far more than you think. I've never been poor, but I have never been really hap

envied just those very women you describe—the women of the 'busy cradle' and the 'at home day.' I came here to the country because I am sick and tired of it all—the smooth, bored, mean little life. I didn't know what was the matter with me. Now I do. It's happiness I want—we all want it—but it's a different kind in every case. I need to earn my comfortable stupkl life; you need rest and comfort. You can help me far more than I can help you. But there is one thing I want to tell you now—this instant. There is to be an end to all this wretchedness of yours, so far as mere shillings and pence go. I have my own money, and Fennis and I have a great many friends. We will help your husband to sell his pictures and I will—No, don't cry, please don't. Why I haven't cried for ten years! It does spoil the eyes so, and you are so young, you really ought to take care of yours. Please help me to get dimer ready, and let us set those horried men to work. What are they doing? Smoking over the fire, of course! How clever and original, and how exactly like Fennis!" She dashed into the hall and pounced upon them. "Fen, go and get some wood and make the fire at once!"

The painter laughed awkwardly, and Fen flung his cigar meekly away.

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Within a couple of hours the rickety ittle manor was curiously changed. The all was brightly lighted and heated, and filled with branches of ivy and yew. The oaken table was set and laid, and The oaken table was set and laid, and for the domestic crockery that was lacking Mrs. Deveney had autocratically substituted odds and ends of picturesque pottery from John Lassell's studio. Cutlery and plate were in the minority, it is true, and yet Sidney-Sidney, whose little suppers at the Carlton and little dinners in Mayfair were the most extravagantly original and recherches of barquets-positively winked at Fennis across a Delft porringer over some onion soup, which she ate with a small but exquisite Japanese spoon. At the end of the meal she said, suddenly:

"I now understand why grace after meals was instituted. Fennis kindly give thanks for the meal you very nearly did not have."

And Fennis gave thanks, first to the

ly dide not have."

And Fennis gave thanks, first to the Creator in Latin, and then in a more modern fashion to the two ladies. "How we shall sleep!" said Mrs. Deveney, as she went up to an attic as beautiful in its lattice, wall and beams and panelling as it was tumbledown. And they did sleep and woke to a day of brilliant sun.

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A delicious studio tea was the next incident. And then came the hour before dusk changed to winter darkness—when the women nestled into oaken settees in the hall and the men smoked among the easels and canvases in the studio. In the dusk the women told one another many things—everything except that which, perhaps, lay nearest the heart. And they came back at last to the great problem of life, and how to live truly, which, sleeping and waking, agitates all women—and some men.

"You refused to go to your duchess's house party?" said the artist's wife. "I did—because she is dull, and her best friends are dull and ugly. All those who are not dull and ugly, but beautiful and amusing, try to be still funnier by being immoral—and that is the dullest thing of all," said Mrs. Deveney.

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Deveney.

"Anyway, it's not so dull and ugly as this life of mine. Look at it—hideous, low, mean, full of bickerings and quarrelling. John doesn't understand women. He is strong. He can stand the wear and tear, the hunger, the uncertainty. He has his beloved painting. I have nothing—but him. And some times I feel I haven't even that!"

"You little fool! Do you know I envy beyon? Do you know—that's right, but put your head on my knee and cry now if you like. Do you know yours is really out hife beautiful,' and mine is the hideous, mean, ugly life? Why, I sit and look on at you and feel I must clap my and in the life beautiful,' and mine is the hideous, mean, ugly life? Why, I sit and look on at you and feel I must clap my and in the life beautiful,' and mine is the hideous, mean, ugly life? Why, I sit and look on at you and feel I must clap my and in the life beautiful,' and mine is the hideous, mean, ugly life? Why, I sit and look on at you and feel I must clap my and if the life beautiful,' and mine is the hideous, mean, ugly life? Why, I sit and look on at you and feel I must clap my and the life beautiful,' and mine is the hideous, mean, ugly life? Why, I sit and look on at you and feel I must clap my and make you happy ever so many times but you won't let me," he protested.

"Thank you. That makes practically the ninth 'No!' this winter. Perhaps you'll tell me what is your next move."

"Why?"

"Why?"

"We ara't wanted here." She pointed with a twinkle to the closed studio door above. "Our part in this little plees is over."

"Well, let us have a little play of our work."

Upstairs a silence had fallen upon the two men. Fennis broke it with a jerk and a sigh.

"By Jove!" he said, "I envy you, Lassell. Life is so wonderfully simple."

"Deuced simple," said the other, with a grow!; "when you've nothing."

"Why man you ought to thank heaven, as you know."

"What for?" snapped John Lassell.

"For your wife, who does everything

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"I do not care what you wanted to say or do. It is scarcely good manners for a man like you, living in the lap of luxury—a sybarite. I might say—to preach to my husband of original power—of—of great gifts. I won't have it. If you have any criticism to make you can make it to me!" and she passed swiftly between the men, to stand like an avenging angel with her arm thrown protectingly around the back of the chair on which John Lassell sat, in a somewhat huddled fashion, helplessly murmuring gutturals.

above. "Our part in the cover."
"Well, let us have a little play of ou

"Yes, yes. But the hard fact remains; away-back to the silly old world to which we belong. This"-she pointed again to the studio door-"is the real thing. These people are alive. fierce and tender, savage and heroic, primitive and living. We are nobodies,

and we aren't happy." Her sentence ended almost queruously.

"I entirely reciprocate your sentiments," he answered, gloomily; "and I cannot understand why this mood should have seized us. Do you think we can be envious?" He took her hand. She did not draw it away. "We are here in quite a false position,"

she murmured.
"I quite agree," he concurred. "I think we have done very wrong in-deed in hiding our real names from these charming, guileless people," she went on. "But you told the first fib, you know."

"To please and spare you, dear." Neither of them heard the studio door

"To please and spare you, dear."
Neither of them heard the studio door open, for they began a heated discussion, though Fennis did not remove his arm.
"How absolutely ridiculous you are!" she cried at last. "How can it please me for you to pretend I am your sister?"
"Oh!" said two voices. One at least of them was shocked.

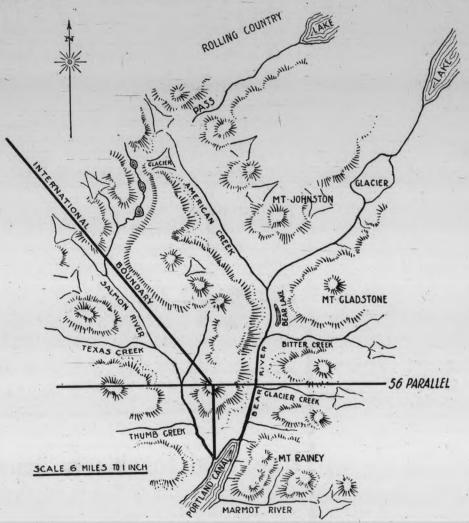
Mrs. Deveney scrambled to her feet, and Fennis cleared his throat.
"What does this mean?" said the artist's wife. "Please come downstairs and tell me who you really are." A stern frown of outraged matronhood wrinkled her brow. Fennis handed her gallantly to a chair, and John Lassell stood in a corner shuffling his feet.
"Before I trouble you with our real names," began Fennis, coolly; "I wish to inform you that this lady, who is my first cousin, and has done me the honor of refusing me nine times, is nevertheless my future wife."
"Fennis!" said Sidney, indignantly.
"We both of us have been—deeply moved by the devotion of our host and hostess," consinued Fennis, smoothly, as before. "In our cynical world such things are treated as chimerical—their existence is regarded as a myth. You have taught us a great deal." He took Sidney's hand. She started up to protest, began incontinently to tremble, and sank down again in her chair. "We have learned to enty you," went on Fennis, more quickly."
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Bear River, Portland Canal

The Times is indebted to the B. C. Mining Exchange for the following article and accompanying cuts on the above mentioned district.

During the past year this district has attracted some kittle attention, on account of its possibilities as a mineral-producing country.

Situated as it is at the head of Portland Canal, a magnificent waterway, sixty miles in length, affording cheap communication with the outside world, thinber and water power in abundance, and a comparatively mild climate con-



SKETCH MAP OF BEAR RIVER, PORTLAND CANAL

sidering its geographical position, it will, with the development of its mineral resources, undoubfedly become an important factor in the future wealth of the province:

Previous to 1899 few white men had visited the district, but in that year a party of argonauts, lured by a schemer with a tale of fabulous placers, made an aftempt to reach the head waters of the Naas by way of Bear river; but the difficulties attendant on the journey proved too great, and abandoned by



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their leader, the party broke up and returned to civilization.

Three of the party decided to remain and try their fortunes in the country; these three, F. P. Stewart, D. J. Rainer depth of two hundred feet; the ore is similar to that on the American Girl. On Bitter creek a number of locations for the district, should eventually make them wealthy men.

In the summer of '92 Stewart and Brightwell located the American Girl group of four claims on American creek; there are four ledges on the group, which is the Roseveit group owned by Rainey and Chambers. On this property, which was the pioneer location of the district, a six'y-foot tunnel has been run on the vein, which is twenty-five feet wide and assays \$28 per ton in gold and copper.

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Dan Linderborg, of Kitimaat, located three extensions on the above claims, the strike of the ledges being in line with that of the American Girl, on the other should be returned by the country, which was a probability that the ledges are continuous, sainly that the ledges are continuous, assisting to that on the American Girl, on the other strike of the ledges being in line with that of the American Girl, on the other strike of the ledges being in line with that of the American Girl, on the other strike of the ledges being in line with that of the American Girl, on the other strike of the ledges being in line with that of the American Girl, on the other strike of the ledges being in line with that of the American Girl, on the other strike of the ledges being in line with that of the American Girl, on the other strike of the ledges being in line with that of the American Girl, on the other strike of the ledges being in line with that of the American Girl, on the other strike of the ledges being in line with that of the American Girl, on the other strike of the ledges being in line with that of the American Girl, on the other strike of the ledges being in line with that of the American Girl, on the other strike



BEAR LAKE, SHOWING MOUNT JOHNSTON IN DISTANCE ON TRAIL TO AMERICA CHEEK.



HEAD OF PORTLAND CANAL, LOOKING UP BEAR RIVER.

a mining expert who visited the district three years ago, it presents all the characteristics of a great mining country; this opinion which was given on inspecting the Roosevelt group, then the only mining location in the district, is now being amply borne out by the later discoveries.

The similarity of the ores of the Unak camp and the trend of the mineralized zone being the same—northwest and southeast—there is a strong probability that the zone is continuous from one camp to the other, a distance of about forty miles.

How far south the zone continues it is

THE CHILDREN'S SUPPER TABLE.

How far south the zone continues it is impossible to say, but mining locations have been made at different points on Portland Canal and Observatory Inlet as far south as Maple Bay, where the Portland Consolidated have twenty-eight claims. This is a coppergoid property. The ledges are well defined and the average value of the ore is \$37.

In the spring of this year, H. W. Brightwell crossed the divide at the head of American creek, and following a river that flowed to the northeast, discovered a large lake, which he estimated to be about thirty mikes long; north of the lake, the country is covered with low rolling hills, through which he belived a pass could be easily found to the Unak.



ANOTHER VIEW OF BOUNDARY OBELISK, MOUTH OF SALMON

would be the best route to the mines gelatine is thoroughly dissolved; bring to

would be the hest route to the mines there, the present route by way of the Unak river being long and difficult.

The climate of the district compares favorably with the other mining regions of the province. The summer as a rule is warm and sunny with occasional showers of rain. Winter sets in about the end of October, but the snowfall is not great until December, when it falls to an average depth of four feet, and lies fill march or April.

On Bear river there is a good deal of first-class agricultural land, lightly covered with alder and easily cleared. The soil is black loam and produces crops of good quality.

D. J. Rainey has a comfortable ranch at the mouth of Bear river, and raises all the ordinary garden vegetatives were cessfully. No farming has been attempted on a commercial scale, there being as yet, no market for the

all the ordinary garden vegetables successfully. No farming has been attempted on a commercial scale, therebeing as yet no market for the produce, but with the increased activity in mining, it will play an important part in the future of the district. The scenery is of the most ruigged nature, the mountains towering precipitously to the height of six thousand feet; their tops covered with eternal snow, and their valleys filled with glaciers, from whose blue caverns turbid streams rush furiously. From time immemorial the Indians have made the district their hunting grounds; bear, both black and grizzly, are found in plenty; and mountain goats may be seen from time to time, cropping the herbage on their aerial haunts.

The rivers team with salmon at different seasons of the year, grouse are

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said as he lay dying that the gods must be dead, as the priests of the new Christfaith said, because the monks had beat-en him at last, and now he lay in a lonely cave among the Hebridean hills, en him at last, and now he lay in a lonely cave among the Hebridean hills, a cave shulmed by the folk for miles round as a place of unholy sorcery. Up to a year ago members of the few clans that clung to the old faith had climbed the hills to the cave, with offerings and requests for the old man's blessing, sometimes a king of Erin or Alba with gold in his hands and a request for luck in war, love, or vengeance; other times it would be a woman with only a prayer for the healing of a sick child. To a few the lonely cave had been a holp place; but this year no one had come, and Ecohaid turned his face to the wall and said that the gods were dead. It was winter, but the inmost recess of the great cave, where he lay on his bed of skins, was warm, because a great fire smouthered in the centre of the place, flickering redly on the skins of wild beasts that lay thick on the stone floor of what was a not uninhabitable dwelling.

The old man's eyes wandered wist The old man's eyes windered wheter fully towards a great heap of parchments that lay half covered by one of the skins. They were among the remnants of his saved treasures—the Drudical books and writings that had been smatched from the monastic burnings and carried, years ago, up to this wild scalingle.

"Where can the lad be?" he murmured "Where can the lad be?" he muranred, feebly. "I cannot reach my books, and I should like——" A cold draught of air came suddenly through the great cave, caused by the dragging back of the heavy skins that bung before the door. Some smoke swept away from the smouldering logs, and found its way into the cave, instead of through the hole viewed in the rock above it. A great smouldering logs, and found its way into the cave, instead of through the hole pierced in the rock above it. A great shaggy wolf-hound, covered with snow, ran in eagerly and up to the oldd man, licking the outstretched wasted hand. The hound was followed closely by a lad with a dead roebuck over his shoulders, that he dropped across the threshold as he entered. He was clad in a heavy wolfskin cloak that covered his scanty hunting gear from head to foot. When he shook it off he went straight up to the old man, who gazed up at him smiling. The new-comer was a strange contrast to the other's age and feebleness. Tall and lithe, with the sharp keenness of a young hawk in his dark face and flashing black eyes, there was an almost dangerous look of strength and quickness about him. His mouth hardened fiercely as his gaze fell on the man's face, sadder and more shadowy even since yesterday. Then he spoke abruptly:

"I am sorry to have been so long "I am sorry to have been so long "I am sorry to have been so long of old age before the sentence was fin-

abruptly:

"I am sorry to have been so long away, father, but the snow has drifted, and the buck there gave me a long chase." He knelt down as he spoke, and with a gentleness of which he did not look capable he lifted the old man into an easier position. The thin haud touched his tangle of wild curly black hair as he did so.

stars, and a lost love's eyes," he said, sorfly. "Maybe some day—" He drifted into silence and the sudden sleep of old age before the sentence was finished.

That night was the last in the life of Eochaid, the old druid. So Diarmid was left alone with his hound, his horse, and the country-side's reputation for black sorcery.



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Eochaid, the druid, was very old. He | ly; "we grew too proud maybe, and the ods--" he broke off, sighing, "the gods seem to have left our hills now. Truly, for the first time, I have wondered if

for the first time, I have womered in indeed they are dead. I tried to serve them, and all my followers have they taken away, save thee alone, Diarmid."
"Thou art too gentle towards them," said the young man, cynically; "both towards the gods who seem to have forgotten us, and thy enemies." He rose, and lifting the dead buck, carried it outside

It was evening, some days afterwards. Outside the snow fell ceaselessly. The aged druid, Eochaid, lay listening to Diarmid, who was reading out of one of the great parchments that lay unrolled across his knee, as he sat beside the couch, the blazing firelight and a torch behind him on the keen young face and behind him on the keen young face and fierce eyes that looked softer to-night. Once he looked up, for the old man

"Art cold, father?" he said, anxiously,

"Art coid, father?" he said, analously, and he pulled the skins closer over the wasted form beside him.
"No," said the feeble voice. "Diarmid!" as the other looked up again, "thou wilt take care of the writings when I am gone, and my son"—the weak voice faltered and stopped, then changed the subject with the vagueness of weakthe subject with the vagueness of weak-ness and old age. "What made thee wish for a druid's life since thy boy-

hood?"
"It is knowledge," answered the young
man, swiftly, "and power—at least it was
power—and power it shall be again, before I die."

power—and power it shall be again, before I die."

"Good or evil?" went on the gentle, weak voice.

The fierce eyes flamed up suddenly, and the young face grew cruel and sharp as the face of a wolf. "Either, father. I care not which it is, both are in my hands. They have hunted and cast thee out, and so why should I have mercy if our day ever comes back?"

"I want no revenge for me," said the old man. "Diarmid, thou hast our knowledge even now, and for my sake do not use recklessly any sharp sword the gods may put into thy hands. Thou art so strong."

"Yes," said the other, quietly again.
"But that same knowledge tells me that I must choose my own way of life or death."

The old man sighed. "Go on reading."

mapin date again.

"I love thee," she piped. "Kiss," she added, imperiously again. And again he obeyed, with a laugh this time; a laugh interrupted by a shriek of horror from a woman who ran out of the house at the

interrupted by a shriek of horror from a woman who ran out of the house at the moment.

Little Ethne was an orphan, and living with her till she grew old enough to make herself useful. Now what might lave been a useful orphan was here already showing itself a trafflicker with druids and sorcerers of the worst type. The baby had reached the ground in fine for the woman to seize her by the hair and deal her a ringing cuff on the side of the head. Diarmid was off his horse that. What he said or did no one knew, but the woman swore afterwards that he and the child, who must have the fill when he touched her cheek.

In the language of the house at the moment.

"Know what?" he said, hoarsely, for temptation was hard on him to take her a temptation was hard on him to take her a pear," she at her word of innocent love for him.

"I shall tell thee in a year," she and then they grew silent and watched the moon rise over the hill. She broke the silence softly. "Diarmid?"

"Yes, sweetheart." His voice was horder about the holy Eochaid. He took the oath to love now man but one he lost, did he not? Didst thou—?" Her voice broke, and he felt something fall warm on his hand when he touched her cheek.

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were no more seen.

Away from human habitation Diarnid drew rein. It was as much as the mid drew rein. It was as much as the child's life was worth to leave her there now. She was sobbing still with the pain of the blow the woman had given her. And somehow her tears and the way she clung to him with her soft arms struck something strange and new in his flerce heart.

She sat in the cave that high, taking busily and giving little gurgles of laughter, in spite of a black bruise hidden under her curls. She shared her supper with the old hound, and at the end went to sleep in the spring moonlight in the dreaded warlock's arms. She knew enough to tell him that her folk were all lead and the women she lived with dead, and the woman she lived with

caine, and is on harmous the size of some may use it. Many mothers rely on the struck her.

"See," she had said, with a pathetic droop of her rosy mouth, amidst her laughter, and she had pulled the little tunic off her shoulder, and showed him two more ugly blue marks in the dimpled skin, shrinking a little at the flerceness in his eyes when he saw them. But then he had bent down swiftly and kissed her conce more. Then she had gone to skeep. On the morrow her host was awakened by something sitting on his chest, something that tugged at his curls with soft fingers and dropped wandering kisses on his eyes and mouth. It was Ethne, that child of Salan, as her native village already called her. With a sharp pang of regret, for which he called himself a fool, he decided that to-day he would take her to a certain woman of his acquaintance who lived in a far-off valley below the hill-cave. Sorcha, the wise-woman, was her name, and among the pious she had as bad a name as he, but as she was mistress of a farm and mow was almost gone in that part of Alba. She welcomed Diarmid kindly, and put food and drink before him, eyeing the send flowed and drink before him, eyeing the send and drink before him, eyeing the send and drink before him, eyeing the send and the had brought as the called hought as the called himself a control of the care and put her on her hore's back below the steep rocks.

So Ethae rode away, and Diarmid was left alone to eat his heart out, and terminate who lived in a far-off valley below the hill-cave. Sorcha, the wise-woman, was her uame, and among when here are alone to eat his heart out, and terminate who lived in a far-off valley below the hill-cave. Sorcha, the wise-woman was here are alone to eat his heart out, and terminate of the was Alba. She welcomed Diarmid kindly, and put food and drink before him, eyeing the small maiden he had brought as

she did so.

"Fair to see," she observed, abruptly,
"and will be fairer in some years' time,

when Diarmid rose to go, the child clung to him and stoutly refused to be left. She did not love women, they beaf her, she sobbed, when he tried to extract himself. She wanted to go back to the lift was the sobbet with the contract himself.

unted for two.

Some years had passed, and she was a maiden grown. And the wise-woman's saying had come true. And on the girl's flying visits from the hill-cave down to the valley farm she taught her all she flying visits from the hilbcare down to the valley farm she taught her all she knew of womanly arts—how to spin and weave, and other things besides. Apart y from that, the girl could ride and swim; also she would sit at nights by the cave fire bent over old Eochaid's great parchments, her small head on fire with a hunger for knowledge that was as great as Diarmid's own. Apart from the wisdom that earned her the name of witch already, she was a child still, though even now she knew her soul's love was biarmid's, with an allowance for Dame Sorcha thrown in. He was the only person that mattered to her overmuch. She vaguely remembered a woman who had struck her and a man who had kissed and saved her—Diarmid. The idea of Diarmid as a lover had never entered her brain as yet—till would-be careless words to fine awoke her with a start.

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The year had slipped past. It was pring once more. There had been no lack of men, from farm holders to chiefs' sons, at Dame Sorcha's; but to all of them the girl turned a deaf ear and a cold shoulder. Through their prayers and their gold she saw only the tall figure clad in skins among the wild hills. when Drarmid rose to go, the child clung to him and stoutly refused to be left. She did not love women, they beaf her, she sobbed, when he tried to extract himself. She wanted to go back to the hills, unless—she tried to steady her voice bravely, and failed—unless he stayed here with her.

"Bewitched," said the wise-woman, laughing. "See here, little one, stay with me; the hills get cold in winter, and" ((winking at Diarmid) "he is a warlock, and, doubtless, he might eat thee if he grew hungry."

"That is not true," said the child, She looked up as she spoke, and two tears ran down her small face. "Take me back with thee," she coaxed. And so it ended, he took here back and henceforth hunted for two.

"I want to be as brave as he is," said the girl, half to herself.
"They are afraid of him in spite of the interaction."

woman, "so be not a little fool."

"I want to be as brave as he is," said the girl, half to herself.

"They are afraid of him in spite of their monks," answered Sorcha. "A nice pair you will make, thou and he, if you go scouring through these new lovers of peace with your wild horses and your wild pranks. Look at me—I only cure cattle and they name me witch, but you—you are beautiful, and therefore you are the devil's and Diarmid's. Gods, how the child is blushing. Farewell, and may they protect thee, though they and the world seem in a strange state these days. With a fine man like Diarmid driven to the hills because he knows more than other people, and thou losing thy soul because thou hadst the sense, forsooth, to give him a kiss when thou wert an innocent babe. There—farewell." you go scouring through these new lovers of peace with your wild horses and

And so Ethne departed.

Needless to say the girl ignored Sorcha's advice. With that strange tremulous gladness in her heart awoke a sense of fierce bravado equal to Diarmid's own. So she turned towards the village that long ago had cast her out, and rode through it like a whirlwind. A shout from an old woman, 'Burn her, catch the witch,' made her ears tingle with reckless excitement. She swung

In least over half over entered ther brain as yet—till would-be careless words of his awoke her with a start.

It was a spring sunset and he come home from hunting, and she had put been one of the wise-words had come true. She was as fair as a wild rose. Her hair curied in a great rich tande almost to her knee, her eyes were the amost to her knee, her eyes were the same eyes as the child's who and her mouth was only remembering that the same eyes as the child's who was and her mouth was only remembering that the same eyes as the child's who was the same eyes as the child's who was and her mouth was only remembering that the same expense of the same eyes as the child's who was and her mouth was only remembering that the same eyes as the child's who was the same eyes as the child's who was an event of the same eyes as the child's who was the same expense of the same eyes as the child's who was only remembering that he was to look and the same eyes as the child's who was only remembering that the same expense of the same eyes as the child's who was only remembering that the same expense of the same expense of

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old wolfhound iny dead by the master is had tried to save.

"Diarmid, I have come home!"
The soft voice, tremulous with love and happiness, was at the cave door. But no reply came to answer it. And, white with some sudden, unknown fear, the girl entered, and then stood still, stunned by horror for an instant. Then she ran forward with a broken, choked cry, and lifted his head. There was a blue mark on one temple under the curling black hair, and blood was coming slowly through the rent deerskin shirt. With that same stunned horror in her face she went to work mechanically, With that same stunned horror in her face she went to work mechanically, binding up the terrible wound the knife had made, calling to him softly to try and break the terrible silence. Once her yes fell on the place where old Eochaid's books had been, then she knew what had happened, and a low wail came from her-white lips. The durk head lay inertly in her lap as she put down her little mouth to his, trying if love might not bring him back even now. At last the dark eyes opened and faced her dimly. Then light came into them. "Diarmid!" she moaned.

He smiled at her faintly. "So thou

THE PLAYER'S CHRISTMAS. By Wilton Lackave.

In happier climes for luckier men while
Carols welcome day,
And sleeping folk are roused by "Waits"
with Christmas roundelay,
For us-a pounding Porter at the peaceful
hour of three
Raucous-bawling "Git 'ep quick, the 'bus
won't wait on 'troopers!' See?"

won't walt on 'troopersl' See' II.

Oh, the frost is on the tree tops and the snow is in the dell! snow is in the dell!
(It's a shame we left our rubbers at the
"Lake View Grand Hotel!")
But all the joys that poet's sing and poetasters rhyme
Are lost in wondering if the train w?!!
reach Podunk "on time."

While children of the older growth their yonker's antics view, And in baby frolics sharing their lost fable

faith renew;
While peace of home and mirth of fest are found on every hand,
We've the dank insult called dinner in a western one-night stand. IV.

While your yule log's (or your anthracite's, or gas stove's) cheery flame—
(If your "local habitation's" one that's
worthy of the "name,")
If in mansion (or in "chambers," or con-

gested flat) you dwell, Makes all mankind feel the magic of the

joyous Christmas spell; While your table groans (or muranurs) with its (more or less) display. The immmer's mixing grease paint for the Christmas matinee

Oh, lords of hearts and dames of homes, Whose joy of this time speaks, In the ringing of your laughter, in the

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"CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS."

minstrels played their Christmas tun-To-night beneath my cottage-eaves; While, smitten by a lofty moon, The encircling laurels, thick with leaves, Gave back a rich and dazzling sheen,

agh hill and valley every breeze Had sunk to rest with folded wings; Keen was the air, but could not freeze

And who but listened?-till was paid Respect to every inmate's claim; The greeting given, the music played, In honor of each household name, Duly pronounced with lusty call, And "Merry Christmas" wished to all.

That took thee from thy native hills,
And it is given to rejoice;
Though public care full often tills,
Heaven only witness of the toil,
A barren and ungrateful soil.

And seen on other faces shine A true revival of the light Which nature and these rustle powers, In simple childhood spread through ours.

For pleasure bath not ceased to wait on these expected annual rolands.

Whether the rich man's sumptuous gate
Call forth the unelaborate sounds.

Or they are offered at the door
That guards the lowliest of the poor.

How touching when, at midnight, sweep Snow-muffled winds and all is dark, To hear—and sink again to sleep— Or, at an earlier cull to mark. By blazing fire, the still suspense Of self-complacent innocence.

And some unbidden tears that rise For names once heard and heard no more Tears brightened by the seranade For the infant in the cradle laid.

Ah, not for emerald fields sione, With ancient streams more pure and

Than fabled Cytherea's zone Glittering before the Thunderer's sight, Is to nfy heart of hearts endeared The ground where we were born and reared

Hall, ancient manners, sure defence, Where they survive, of wholesome laws; Remnants of love whose modest sense Thus into narrow room withdraws; Hall, usages of pristine mould, And ye that guard them, mountains old.

Bear with me, brother! quench the thought That slights this passion or condemns; If thee fond fancy ever brought From the proud margin of the Thames And Lambeth's venerable towers, To humbler streams and greener bowers.

Yes, they can make, who fall to find Short leisure even in busiest days, loments, to cast a look behind; And profit by those kindly rays That through the clouds do sometimes And all the far-off past reveal.

Hence, while the imperial city's din Beats frequent on no satiate ear, A pleased attention I may win To agitations less severe That neither overwheim nor cley,
But fill the hollow vale with joy.

-Wm. Wordsworth

WHAT LITTLE SAUL GOT CHRISTMAS.

Us parents mostly thinks our own's us parents mostly thinks our own. The smartest children out!—
But widder Skeltog's little Saul
Bents all I know about!
He's weakly-like—in p'int o' henith,
But strong in word and deed, And heart and head, and snap and spunk, And allus in the lead!

Come honest by it, fer his Pa-Afore he passed away— He was a leader—(Lord, I'd like To hear him preach to-day!) He led his flock; he led in prayer Fer spread o' Peace-and when Nothin' but War could spread it, he Was first to lead us then!

So little Saul has grit to take So little Sain has grit to take
Things jes' as they occur;
And sister Shelton's proud o' him
As he is proud o', her!
And when she "got up"—jes' fer him
And little playmates all— Was there but little Saul.

Pore little chap was sick in bed The tree was, in the settin'-room.

And Saul jes' laid and smiled— Nor couldn't nod ner wave his hand. It hurt so-Bless the child!

And so they left him there with Doc-And warm tear of his Ma's.
Then-suddent-like—high over all
Their laughter and applause—
They heerd—"I don't care what you git
On yer old Chris-mus-tree,
'Cause I'm got somepin' you all haint—
I'm got the pleurisy!"
—James Whitcomb Riley in Cosmopolitan.

THE JOKING CROCODILE. "Why do you open your mouth so wide?"
Said the sucker ish to the crocodile;
"To give you pleary of room inside."
The saurian answered with a smile.

And then he lay in the steaming sand With his mouth wide open an hour or two, And a thousand files flew in and down To the kingdom-come of Tipu-Tu

THE BARBUTS AND THE TERRAPIN.

Two Rabbits chanced to char a bit Beside the country road: When came slong old Terrapin Who passed without a word.

He swelled up great and put on style; Putling his big clear the while; "Rabbits are such poor trash." quoth he; "They can't expect to go with me."

One Rabbit overheard him say This sareastic thing: And turning to old Terrapin Did give him quite a fling.

"Indeed, old sport," he said, quite gay,
"We'd much prefer to go our way,
For should we walk with you, you know,
Into the rich man's soup we'd go."

PERFECTION AND STUPIDITY. Little Miss Perfection
Is never late at school;

She can cipher, spell and write, And read long words quite well at sight; She is her mamma's darling toy, Her papa's only, only joy!

Small Mr. Stupidity Is always late at school; Small Mr. Stupidity Will surely be a fool, For—

He can neither spell nor write. Nor read long words right off at sight; He does his mother much annoy; Is never called his papa's joy.

Little Miss Perfection Is never spanked, you know, Little Miss Perfection Does as she's told to do; While-

Small Mr. Stupidity
Is spanked from noon till night;
Small Mr. Stupidity
Does everything for spite.

Now, here's a warning to you all If you'd be good-why, be a girl, For you can't help but to annoy The whole big world-if you're a boy!

THE DISPUTE.

Together they sat at the dinner, Little May and Anna Bell, Playing they were great ladies— Stylish and very swell.

But a slight dispute rose between them At each other's hair they flew,
And, crying loudly, they ran for home;
I think they were bad—don't you?

CHRISTMAS IN DIXIE. (Uncle Ned's Explanation to a Northern Visitor.)

Visitor.)

Go 'long, boss, an' quit yo' foolin'—
You ain't seed no Chris'mas, man;
D' ain't no Chris'mas in 4de Norf, sah,
Dat kin beat ole Dixie Lan'!
Ev'body's free an' ekul,
An' each man jes' has his way;
White er black—it makes no diff'ence
'Way down Souf on Chris'mas Day.

Does we go to chu'ch! Oh, no, sah; Yet I wants 'em in delr place An' I'm sho no Chris'mas meetin' Wouldn't suit dis culled race

You jes' gimme a little cidah, An' a little tas'e uv rye, Don't furgit de rum fur aig-nog. Nur de mince-ment fur de pie: Den you let de fiddle strike up, Let Miss Dinah step dis way, An' I'll show you how we shuffles 'Way down Souf on Chris'mas Day.

AM de pickaninnies playin' Jes' like roostahs 'fo' de do', 'Lijah in his boots wid red tops An' de brasses on de toe;
An' de brasses on de toe;
Lucy wid huh white dawl baby,
'Rastus wid a big tin ho'n,
Cassar wid a new goat waggin—
Man, dey's happy, sho's you bo'n!

Chris'mas sho wuz made fur darkies An' de law don't cut no lee, White mens wid deir clubs an' Lays ez low an' still ez mice; Black Mariah don't ride nobody. Black Mariah don't ride nobody, Ey'y darkey has full sway, An' dey sho do ac' like white folks 'Way down Souf on Chris'mas Day

To be sho at mant we en's up Wid a gran' Jim Dandy spree— One uv dese ofe-fashioned cake-walks Er a big co'n shuckin' bee. An' sah, ef it's one er t'othah, It'll las' 'mos' th'oo de night, Den we'll go home wid de ladies At de break uv mawnin' light,

Dat's de way we spen's onah Chr's mas— You jes shet yo' mouf up, man; D' ain't no Chr's mas in de worl', sah, Dat kin' beat ole Dixle Lan'. Ev'gbody's free an' ekul, An' each man jes' has his way; White er black—'t makes no diff'ence 'Way down Souf on Chris' mas Day. —Silas X. Floyd in Leslie's Weekly.

"ONE, TWO, THREE."

It was an old, old, old, old fady, And a boy that was half-past three; And the way they played together

She couldn't go running and jumping, And the boy, no more could he For he was a thin little fellow, With a thin little twisted kne

Out under the maple tree; And the game they played I'll tell you, Just as it was told to me.

It was "hide and go seek" they were play ing,
Though you'd never have known it to be
With an old, old, old, old, old, Vith an old, old, old, old lady, And the boy with the twisted knee,

The boy could bend his face down

He would cry and laugh with glec-lt wasn't the china closet, But he still had two and three.

"You are up in papa's big bedroom, In the chest with the queer old key!" And she said: "You are warm and warmer But you're not quite right." said she.

it can't be the little cupboard. Where mamma's things used to be-it must be the clothespress, gran'ma!

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And he found her with his three

Then she covered her face with her fingers That were wrinkled and white and wee And she guessed where the boy was hiding With a one and a two and a three.

And they never stirred from their places, Right under the maple tree— This old, old, old, old lady, And the boy with the lame little knee-This dear, dear, dear old lady, And the boy who was half-past three.

BENNY BROWN'S VISIT TO THE MOON "Wisht I could go up to the moon!" Said Little Benny Brown. I git so awful tired down here, With both feet on the groun'.

And gather snow and rain; I'm sure I never would come down To this ole earth again.

'If I could only make a ship

"I'd live up there with that ole man, An eat an run an play; I'd do no work of any kind, But just have fun all day."

Just then the old man in the moon Reached down and grabbed him there And lifted him up through the clouds By holding to his hair.

Benny kicked and screamed and cried And yelled out, "Oh, oh my! Please let me go back to my home; I don't like it so high!"

But the old man up in the moon Said, "This is your desire; And if you do not like the moon I'll take you on up higher.

"I'll lift you up to great Neptune; So far away 'tis dark, For not a ray of sun gets there; No, not a single spark."

Then Benny thought of home and love And thought of his mamma; Thought of his little sister dear, And thought of dear papa

And straightway he began to cry, To wring his hands and weep: Just then he woke up with a start To find he'd been asicep.

Little Man! Little Man! come to me Come let me hold you tight! I will fold you away in the nest of

Far from all harm to-night-Deep in my heart is a garden Of lillies of love, and they glow in the light, looming into an Eden That only a mother can know.

Little Man! Little Man! close your dea

Hover about you, and creep, Ever so lightly to lead you Into the realm where love Dimples your pathway with kisses As pure as the dew from above.

Forever safe on my breast. Your heart in my heart is embedded, And night croons a song of rest.

Rest while the beautiful illies

Of love guard your slumber and glow
In the light of an earthly Eden That only a mother can know.

THE MISSING TREASURE.

(S. E. Kiser.). know a man who has marble halls-But he hasn't you, my boy:
There are blooded chargers in his stalls,
His yacht is anchored in the bay,
He bunts for pleasure all the day;
He goes where he is pleased to go,
And there is none to say him no—
But he hasn't you, my boy.

No master lays down rules for him-But he hasn't you, my boy;
No other's will or wish or whim
Is suffered to d'erthrow his plans,
Yet with the joys that are this man's
Is one great woe he has to bear, No child is given to his care-And I have you, my boy.

LEARNING TO PRAY.

Kneeling fair, in the twilight gray, A beautiful child was trying to pray; His cheek on his mother's knee, His bare little feet half hidden, His smile still coming unbidden, And his heart brimful of glee.

I hardly can say my prayers.

I don't feel just like praying;

I want to be outdoors playing,

And run, all undressed, down stairs.

'I can see the flowers in the garden-bed Shining so pretty, and sweet, and red; And Sammy is swinging. I guess. Oh! everything is so fine out there, I want to put it all in the prayer, Do you mean I can do it by 'Yes'?

'When I say, 'Now I lay me'-word

Word,
It seems to me as if nobody heard,
Would "Thank you, dear God," be right?
He gave me my mother,
And papa and brother—
O, mamma! you nodded I might,"

Clasping his hands and hiding his face, Unconsciously yearning for help and grace, The little one now began. His mother's nod und sanction sweet, Had led him close to the dear Lord's feet And his words like music ran:

"Thank you for making this home so nice,
The flowers, and my two white mice,—
I wish I could keep right on;
I thank you, too, for every day,
Only I'm 'most too glad to pray;
Dear God, I think I'm done." "Now, mamma, rock me—just a minute,
And sing the hymn with 'darling' in it.
I wish I could say my prayers!
When I get big I know I ean,
Oh! won't it be nice to be a man,
And stay all night down stairs!"

The mother, singing, clasped him t ght,
Kissing and cooling her fond "Good night,"
And treasured his every word.
For well she knew that the artices joy/
And iove of her precious innocest boy,
Were a prayer that her Lord had heard.
—Mary E. Dodge.

When Christmas Day is drawing nigh, Amid the shopping crowds you'll sigh, Amd vow next year that forth you'll go More early by a month or so. And when next year the time comes rou The self-same sorrow will be found, And you will make the self-same yow And break it as you break it now.

A GREEN CHRISTMAS. De win' is blowin' wahmah, An' hit's blowin' f'om de bay, Dey's a so't o' mist arrisin' All erlong de meddah way; Dey ain't a hint o' frostin' On de groun' ner in de sky, An' dey ain't no use in hopin' Dat de snow'll 'meuce to fly.

It's goin' to be a green Christmas, An' sad de day fu' me, I wish dis was de las' one Dat ever I should see.

Dey's dancin' in de cabin,
Dey's spahkin' by de tree;
But dancin' times and spahkin'
Are ali done pas' fur me.
Dey's feastin' in de big house,
Wid all de windahs wide—
Is dat de way fu' people
To meet de Christmas-tide?
It's goin' to be a green Christmas,
No mattah what you say,
Dey's us dat will remembah Dey's us dat will remembah An' grieve de comin' day.

Dey's des a bret o dampness A-ciliqin' to my cheek; De aih's been dank an' heavy An' threatenin' fu' a week, But not wid signs o' wintah, Dough wintah'd seem so deah-De wintah's out o' season, An' Christmas Eve is heah. It's goin' to be a green Christmas, An' oh, how sad de day!

Go ax de hungry chu chya'd,
An' see what hit will say.

Dev's des a bref o' dampness

Dey's Allen on de hillside,
An' Marfy in de plain;
Fu' Christmas was like springtime,
An' come wid sun an' rain.
Dey's Ca'line, John an' Susie,
Wild only dis one lef';
An' now de curse is comin'
Wid murder in hits bref.
It's goin' to be a green Christmas—
Des hyeah my words an' see;
Befo' de summah beckons
Dey's many'll weep wid me.

Dey's many'll weep wid me -Paul Laurence Dunbar in the December

THE CHRISTMAS ROSE.

A Fable.
It was mid-winter in the garden, and no flowers bloomed about the dark beds or lonely paths. Only a few evergreen shrubs bravely faced the cold with drooping leaves, bravely faced the cold with drooping leaves, and the bulbs were all waiting under-ground, afraid to show their pretty faces before the sun had told them he was ready. One flower, and one only, the Christmas Rose, shone in its clump of green leaves, as white as the snow that lay in drifts

And all the other flowers under the warm delicate face to a winter world? You get your petals frost-bitten and die of cold. The time of blossoming is not yet come, get your petain trost-orten and de of color.

The time of blossoming is not yet come, and there is no room for flowers on the inhospitable earth. We never go where no bright sun shines."

The Christmas Rose bent above the

ground where the voices came from, and her voice was low and sweet as the underher voice was low and sweet as the under-ripple of a fast-frozen stream, as it flows under its lee-coat. At the sound of it the bulbs and roots that had laughed so loudly at its owner were suddenly hushed.

"Nay, sisters of the spring, crocus and snowdrop and violet, is there no need lost flowers, think ye, in a winter world? True,

flowers, think ye, in a winter world? True, I cannot give it color such as yours, not lift gaudy petals like the tuilp to the sun. But I alone, in these dark days, when all around is cheerless, shine in the garden like a star of hope. It is the cold world that needs a comforter most, and to cheer it I brave the winds of winter and the fetters of the frost."

But the voices of the plants were suddenly hushed, for the mistress of the garden came down the path just then, and all the bulbs and roots heard her safe: "Yes, this, the Christmas Rose, is my greatest treasure, for I love it better than all others, since it is a messenger of gladness and promise when no other flower blooms."

And she gathered the Christmas Rose and placed it in her breast.

LOOKING FOR SANTA CLAUS.

The snow was falling on the mountains The snow was fairing on the mountains, hiding their tops in a misty veil, and the air was full of whirling flakes, which were rapidly covering the brown earth with a carpet of white and obliterating the trail upon the mountain side, where trudged, or rather stumbled along, a childish figure in a man's rough jacket, the sleeves rolled In a man's rough jacket, the sleeves rolled over and over to let out the small brown hands, while the edge of the coat, on a line with her heels, left a trail in the snow. A red hood covered the child's head, dark curls peeping out around her face, and in the fearless, wistful eyes shone a new Hight, for Dorothy was going to find Santa Claus. When her mother had gone to Heaven a short time before, they had carried her up the mountain, and God and Santa Claus were always associated together in the child's mind. So, if God lived there, Santa Claus could not be far away. Thus reasoned little December in the beautiful to the child's mind. Claus could not be far away. Index reasoned little Dorothy in the hours when her father was off working in the mine, and she was left alone with her rag doll in the little brown hut which served as shelter and home. "Santa Claus may not come here, now that mother has gone," the little vital said.

girl said.

"And it must be Christmas, so I will find him, and perhaps he will take me in his reindeer sleigh to see mother and God." Little Dorothy paused in the task of sweeping the one room of their own home, and, putting some potatoes in the ashes to bake, that her father's supper might be ready for him, she had wrapped herself in his old coat, donned her red hood, and started out to find Santa Claus. It chanced that day that one of the mine owners was down from the city on a tour of inspection, and, having seen Dorothy on a previous trip, he had, remembering another little girl who was very happy on Christmas eve, brought down a Christmas box for Dorothy, and so strolled along with her father as he started homeward, that he might give it into the hands of the little maiden herself. But when they reached the brown hut Dorothy was not there, and, when repeated calls brought no answer, the two men, alarmed, started in opposite directions to seek her. Mr. Golden following the most obliterated path up the mountain side, where, a mile begond, he found the little one almost buried in the falling snow, and as he stopped to Hft her in his arms, she murmured, drowstiy, seeing the kind face bending over her as she lay on her cot in the Hitle brown house, her father holding her in his "And it must be Christmas, so I will find

eyes again the same kind face was bending over her as whe lay on her cot in the little brown house, her father holding her in his arms, while healde her was the most beautiful doll of which she had ever dreamed, and clusping it close to her heart, little Dorothy asked with reverent joy, her dark eyes filled to overflowing:

"Dear Mr. Santa Claus, is you God, too?"

Our Christmas Greeting In Acrostic

From the Pens of Empire-Builders

Compiled for this issue by Agnes Deans Cameron.

A great Empire and little minds go ill together.—Edmund Burke.

MAY God forbid that we should ever be so intolerant as to make conformity to our own opinions the price of our assistance to others in their efforts for national independence.—Canning.

XCELLENTLY well I know that I have the body of a weak and feeble woman, but I have the heart of a king, and of a king of England, too; and I think foul scorn that Parma or Spain, or any prince of Europe, should dare invade the borders of my realm.—Queen

RIGHT warm work is it, and this may be the last to any

of us at any moment; but, mark you, I would not be elsewhere for thousands.—Nelson (at Copenhagen).
EST assured, the true glory of a nation does not consist in the extent of its dominions, but rather in the moral and intellectual pre-eminence of the people.—Sir John Lubbeck. Lubbock.

ET we must realize that it is not the United Kingdom only, but the whole British Empire which needs con-sistent and united organization for defence.—Sir Charles

CHANGE is life, and to be perfect is to have changed often.—Cardinal Newman.

H EAVEN'S rich gift comes down on every one—American, English, Turk--who will help to heal this open sore of the world?—Dr. Livingstone.

RAPINE and assassination have never changed the history of the world.-Beaconsfield.

I F it be a duty to respect other men's claims, so also is it a duty to maintain our own.—Edmund Burke. S O peace hath her victories no less renowned than war.

THE world belongs to him who has seen it .- Sir John MOREOVER, there is nothing so safe as great meetings.

Come together, look each other in the face.-John A ND it is the boast of the British Empire that it rests on men.—Lord Rosebery.

S LOWLY but assuredly during his brief journey from nothingness to nothingness, each man may add his pebble to the slowly-rising foundations of an ideal world. -A. J. Balfour.

FOREVER the breath of liberty, like the word of the holy man, will not die with the prophet, but will survive him.—Henry Grattan.

REALIZE that slaves cannot breathe in England; if their

lungs receive our air, that moment they are free .-O, while the German grows fat and the Frenchman withers, the Englishman plays lawn tennis under a tropical sun.—Lord Curzon.

M OST great Empire and little minds go ill together. -Edmund Burke.

THE penny post is an institution through which you seriously offer a man a penny for his thoughts.—Thoreau. H USH! Never the lotus closes, never the wild-fowl wake, but a soul goes out in the East wind that died for England's sake.-Rudyard Kipling.

ENVENOMED bigotry may survive persecution, but it can never survive toleration.—Henry Grattan.

THE old order changeth, giving place to new.—Tennyson. contend, a man always is to be himself the judge how much of his mind he will show to other men.—Carlyle.

M URMURING, "Here, and here did England help me; how can I help England?"—Robert Browning. VER keep the plough in the hands of the Owners, and not mere Hirelings.—King Henry VII. S O it is essential for the greatest success of a country that

in every part of it men should take a real interest in national affairs.—John Bright.

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Notice of Application for Grant of Foreshore License to Construct Wharf.

Notice is hereby given that, under and pirsuant to the Revised Statutes of Canada, 1886, Chapters 36 and 92, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Victoria has applied to the Governor-General in Council for the grant of a portion of the foreshore on the northeast of Rock Bay, in Victoria Harbor.

A plan of the said foreshore and of the works and improvements proposed and a description by metes and bounds of the proposed sites of the same have been deposited with the Minister of Public Works at Ottawa, and a duplicate thereof has been deposited in the Land Registry Office at Victoria aforesaid.

Dated this 19th day of December, 1904.

WELLINGTON J. DOWLER,
Clerk of the Municipal Council of the City of Victoria.

REVISED STATUTES OF CANADA, CHAPTER 92.

Notice is hereby given that one month after date application will be made to the Governor-General in Council for approval of the plan and site of a wharf and sawnilk to be erected by William Moore and Brnest W. Whittington on and opposite Lots 7, 8, 9 and 10, in Block B, Work Estate, in the City of Victoria, British Columbia.

Estate, in the City of Victoria, Brian of the site with description there of has been deposited with the Department of Public Works at Ottawa, and a duplicate of each has been deposited in the Land Registry Office, Victoria, B. C.
Dated this 28th day of November, 1904, at Victoria, British Columbia.

WOOTTON & GOWARD,
Bank of Montreal Chambers, Victoria, British Columbia, Solicitors for the Applicants.

NOTICE.

e, the undersigned, being petitioners the incorporation of the Districts of oria, Lake and South Saunich into a licipality, hereby give notice of our ntion to apply to His Honor the Lieu-nt-Governor in Council for Letters tenanc-to-vernor in Counter for Letters
Fatent under the Public Seal Incorporating
the Districts of Victoria, Lake and South
Samich into a District Municipality (excepting only such portions thereof as form
Indian Reservations) under the name of
The Corporation the Annual Composition
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All mineral rights are reserved by the Esquimait & Nanaimo Railway Company within that tract of land bounded on the south by the south boundary of Comox District, on the east by the Straits of Georgia, on the north by the 50th parallel, and on the west by the boundary of the E. & N. Railway Land Grant.

LEONARD H. SOLLY,
Land Commissioner.

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SYNOPSIS OF REGULATIONS FOR DIS-POSAL OF MINERALS ON DOMINION LANDS IN MANITOBA, THE NORTH-TERRITORIES AND THE YUKON TERRITORY.

Coal.—Coal lands may be purchased at \$16 per acre for soft coal and \$20 for anthracite. Nor more than 320 acres can be acquired by one individual or company. Boyalty at the rate of ten cents per ton of 2,000 pounds shall be collected on the gross

Quartz.-Persons of eighteen years and over and joint stock companies holding free miners' certificates may obtain entry for a

A free miner's certificate is granted for one or more years, not exceeding five, upon payment in advance of \$7.50 per annum for an individual, and from \$50 to \$100 per annum for a company, according to capital. A free miner, having discovered mineral in place, may locate a claim 1,500x1,500 feet by marking out the same with two legal posts, bearing location notices, one at each end on the line of the lode or vein. The claim shall be recorded within fifteen days if located within ten miles of a mining recorder's office, one additional day allowed for every additional ten miles of fraction. The fee for recording a claim is \$5.

with other requirements, purchase the land at \$1.00 an acre. Permission may be granted by the Minis-ter of the Interior to locate claims contain-ing iron and mica, also copper, in the Yu-kon Territory, of an area not exceeding 160 acres.

remission may be granted by the Minister of the interior to locate claims containing iron and mica, also copper, in the Yukon Territory, of an area not exceeding 100 acres.

The patent for a mining location shall provide for the payment of a Royalty of 2% per cent. of the sales of the products of the location, in the Yukon Territory.—Placer mining claims generally are 100 feet square; only feet, \$5, renewable, yearly, On the North Saskatchewan River claims are either bar or bench, the former being 100 feet long and extending between high and low water mark. The latter includes bar diggings, but extends back to the base of the hill or bank, but not exceeding 1,000 feet. Where steam power is used, claims 200 feet wide may be obtained.

Dredging in the rivers of Manlitoba and the N. W. T., excepting the Yukon Territory.—A free miner may obtain only two classes of five miles each for a term of twenty years, renewable in the discretion of the Minister of the Interfor.

The lessee's right is confined to the submerged bed or bars of the river below low water mark, and subject to the rights of all persons who have, or who may receive, entries for bar diggings or bench claims, except on the Saskatchewan River, where the lessee may dredge to high water mark, and subject to the rights of all persons who have, or who may receive, entries for bar diggings or bench claims, except on the Saskatchewan River, where the lessee may dredge to high water mark to make the mark of the content of the content of the content of the case of the case for each five miles but where a person or company has obtained more than one lesse one of redge for each five miles or fraction is sufficient. Rental, \$10 per son or company has obtained more than one lessee one of the late of the lates.

The lessee's right is confined to the submerged bed or bars in the river below low water mark, that boundary to be fixed by its position on the last day of August in the year of the date of the lease.

The lessee and free of the lates, in order to the lates,

open to occupation and entry by a free miner.

The boundaries of a claim may be defined absolutely by having a survey made and publishing notice in the Yukon Official Gazette.

Petroleum.—All unappropriated Dominion lands in Manitoba, the Northwest Territories and within the Yukon Territory are open to prospecting for petroleum, and the Minister may reserve for an individual or company having machinery on the land to be prospected an area of 1,920 acres for such period as he may decide, the length of which shall not exceed three times the breadth Should the prospecton discover establish such discovery, an area not exceeding 460 acres, including the oil well, will be sold to the prospector at the rate of \$1 an acre, and the remainder of the tract reserved, namely, 1,280 acres, will be sold at the rate of \$3 an acre, subject te royalty at such rate as may be specified by Order in Council.

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JAMES A. SMART,

Deputy of the Minister of the Interior.

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or guich, the width being from 1,000 to 2,000 feet. All other placer claims shall be 250 feet square.

Claims are marked by two legat posts, one at each end, bearing notices. Entry must be obtained within ten days, if the claim is within ten miles of fraction.

The person or company staking a claim must hold a free miner's certificate.

The discoverer of a new mine is entitled to a claim of 1,000 feet in length, and if the party consists of two, 1,500 feet altogether, on the output of which no royalty shall be charged, the rest of the party ordinary claims only.

Entry fee, \$10. Royalty at the rate of two and one-half per cent. on the value of the gold shipped from the Yukon Territory to be paid to the Comptroller.

No free miner shall receive a more than one mining claim on each separate river, creek or guich, but the same miner may hold any number of claims by purchase, and free miners may work their claims in partnership by filing notice and paying fee of \$2. A claim may be abandoned, and another obtained on the same creek, guich or river, by giving notice and paying a fee.

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